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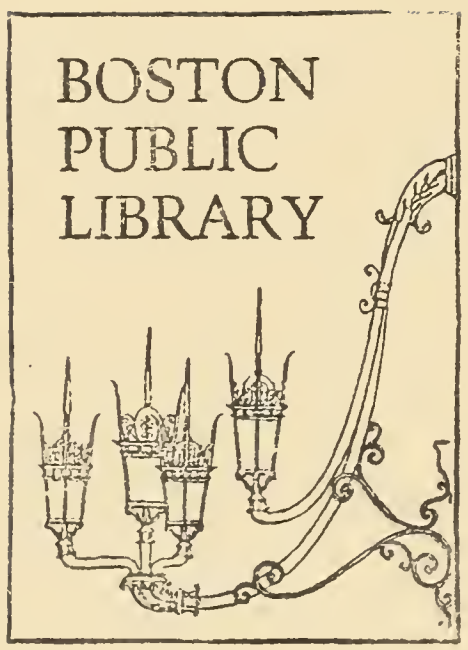

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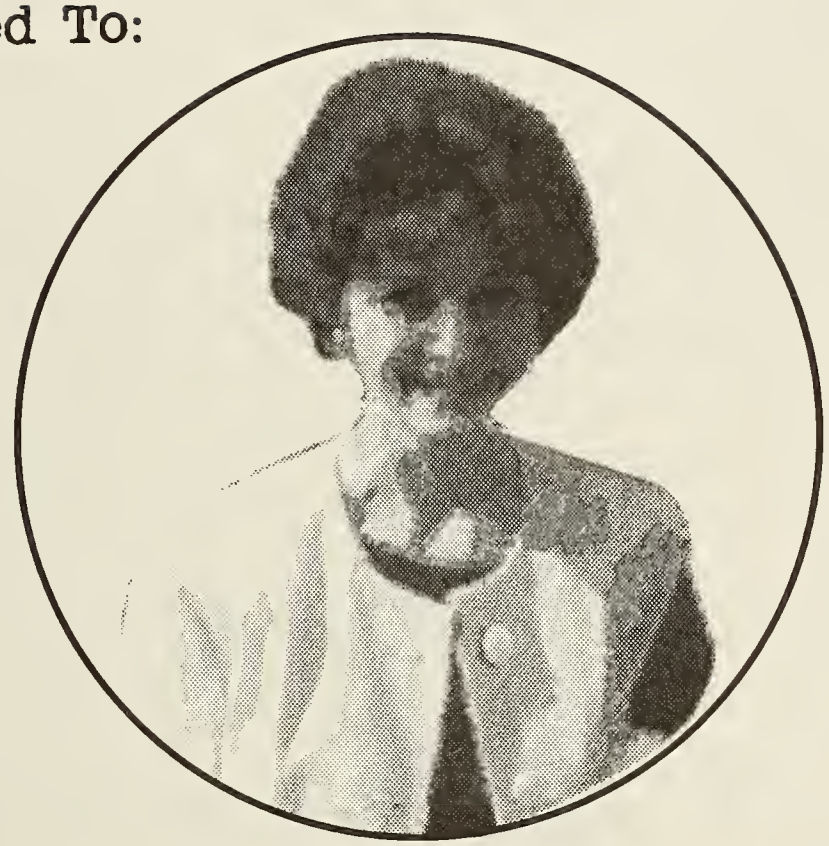

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Greetings, Thacher Cousins!

The premier issue of the Thacher Quarterly was meant as a Christmas Gift for my distant cousin and pen-pal, Howard E. Thacher of Buckley, Washington.

We are sharing complimentary copies with other Thacher descendants to determine whether there would be enough interest in such a publication to continue its production.

Future issues would feature the series entitled "Our Churches", with details and data beginning with Peter[1] Thacher and St. Barnabus' Church at Queen Camel.

Regular features would be included, as in this Winter Issue, No. 1: Grandma Thacher's Scrapbook (photos and newsclippings),Cousin Howard's Corner (Thacher/Thatcher Coat of Arms - research in England),and Your Queries, included free of charge.

In the Thacher Quarterly, we will follow various branches in America through history to the present. We will delve into our noble European ancestry. We will meet present-day Thacher descendants.

We welcome any contributions in the way of family records, stories you would like to share, photos and biographies of your Thacher ancestors and also of 20th century Thachers.

Any suggestions that might help in the production of the Quarterly are also welcome! The price of the publication has not been settled, for instance - $10 has been suggested, per subscription (4 issues per year - 8 pages. There will be an introductory letter with each issue and occasional enclosures.) Our aim is shared research - we do not expect any monetary gain from this effort.

Join us in the Thacher Quarterly as we begin the New Year! If you decide to subscribe, you will receive a New Sub-Scriber's Ancestor Form to fill out and return for our records.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Your Cousin,

Nancy

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Well! Look what Happened! Hope you like it as much as Howard did!

To: Elwood J. Thacher

Merry Christmas!
Nancy

A Joyful Christmas

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Special Merry Christmas Issue

The Thacher Quarterly greets you as we embark upon a journey into the past!

The Thacher Quarterly will re-tell the old stories we all love to hear told again and again in celebration of our ancestry!

Join us as we share research and news of descendants in the present!

The first issue of the Thacher Quarterly is a summary of a series featuring "Our Churches", a history of the Thacher ministries.

St. Barnabas Church, Queen Camel

Rev. Peter Thacher, Vicar
1574-1624

From "Genealogy of Boston and Eastern Massachusetts" Vol. 2, page 897:

Two great New England families, one of ministers, church builders and preachers, the other of statesmen, soldiers and clergymen were descended from the same ancestor, Reverend Peter Thacher, Vicar of Queen Camel Parish in England, father of Rev. Peter Thacher and Rev. Anthony Thacher. Peter and his son, Thomas Thacher were the progenitors of a great family of ministers.

Beginning with Rev. Peter Thacher of the 2nd Congregational Church of Attleboro, Mass. in 1748 of 47 years; his father, Rev. Peter Thacher of Middleboro, Mass. 1709 for 35 years, and his father, Rev. Peter Thacher of Milton for 47 years (ordained 1681). (His wife was the daughter of Rev. John Oxenbridge of The First Church at Boston.)

Rev. Thomas Thacher, father of Rev. Peter Thacher of Milton, was ordained at Weymouth in 1644, and pastor there for 20 years, and of Old South Meeting House, Boston 8 years, a total of 28 years. His wife was the daughter of Rev. Ralph Partridge, first pastor at Duxbury, Mass.

Rev. Thomas Thacher's father, Rev. Peter Thacher of Salisbury, England, was vicar of the church at Milton Clevedon, 1616, for 6 years and from 1622 to 1640 of St. Edmund's at Salisbury in Wiltshire.

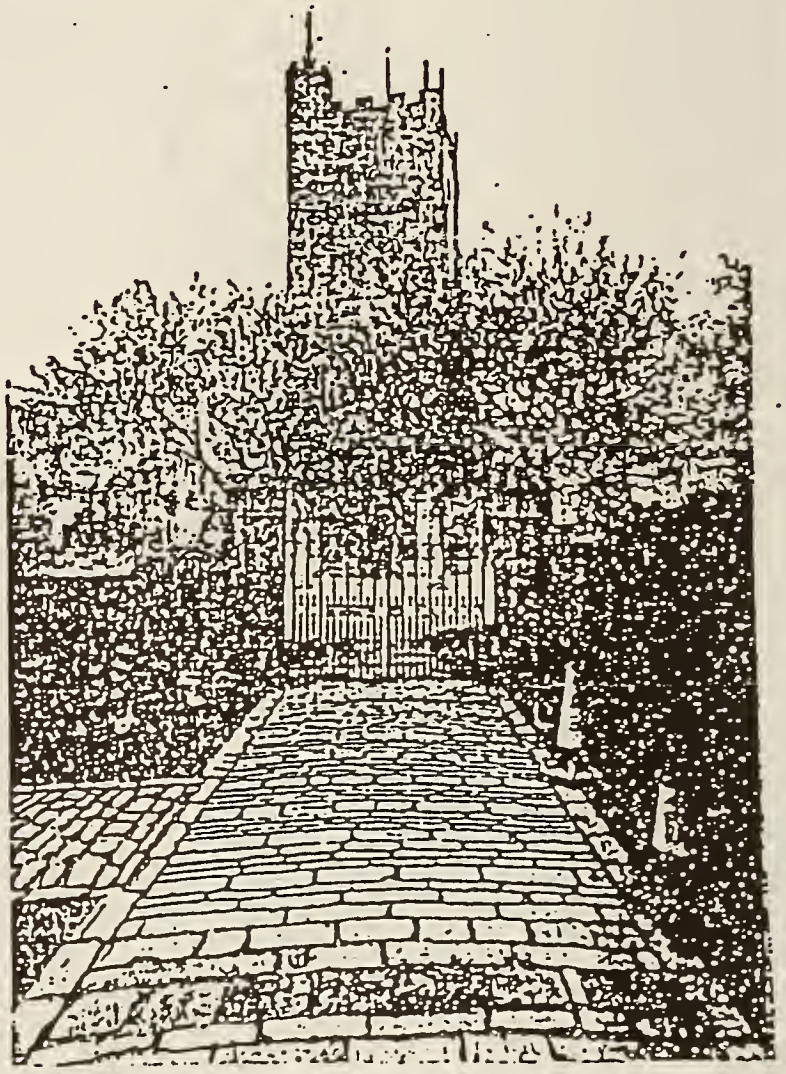
His father, Rev. Peter Thacher, was vicar at St. Barnabus Church, Queen Camel, Somerset, England from 1574 to 1624.

The total pastorate of sires and sons covered a period of 227 years!

St. Barnabas' Church.

Flower Day at Queen Camel

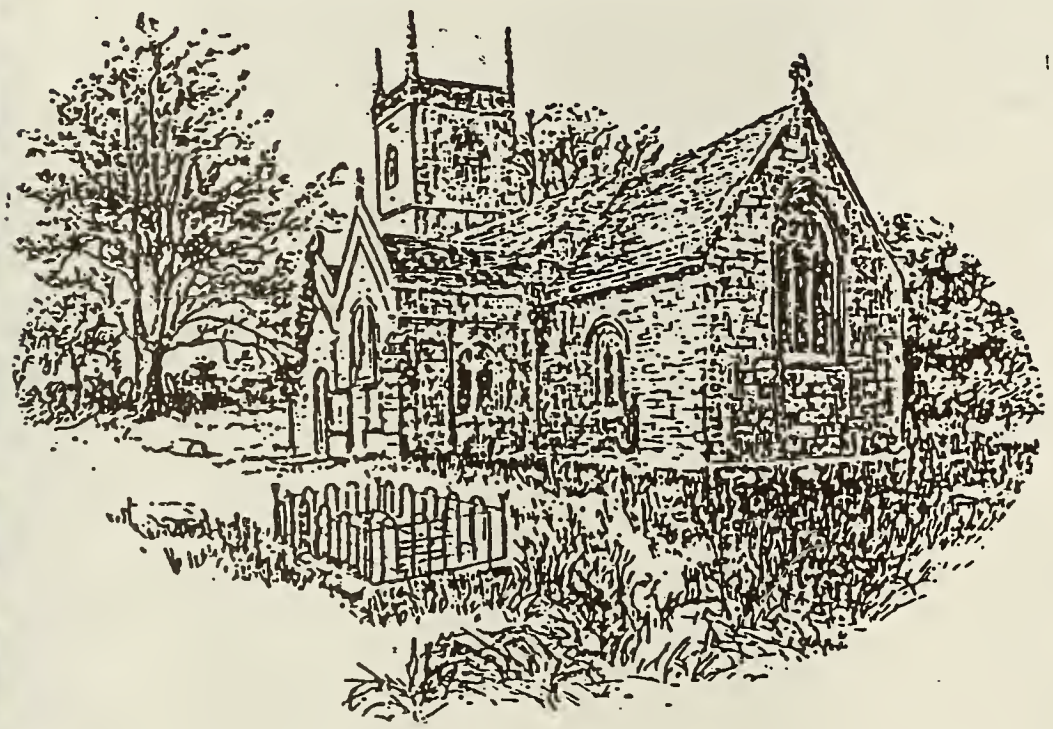
On June 14th, 1986, the Queen Camel Flower Festival began at St. Barnabus Church with the church bells ringing! The interior of the church was decorated with flowers for the occasion. As the bells fell silent, King Arthur arrived "from Camelot", mounted on his charger to open the Medieval Market held along the partly restored cobblestone church path. There were competitions, country dancing, handbell ringing and prizes for best medieval costumes.



ANCIENT COBBLESTONE PATH RESTORED

Thacher descendants contributed to the "Buy-A-Cobble" project for the restoration of the Church path at Queen Camel. We purchased a cobble for 2L and received certificates bearing a number assigned to its replacement.

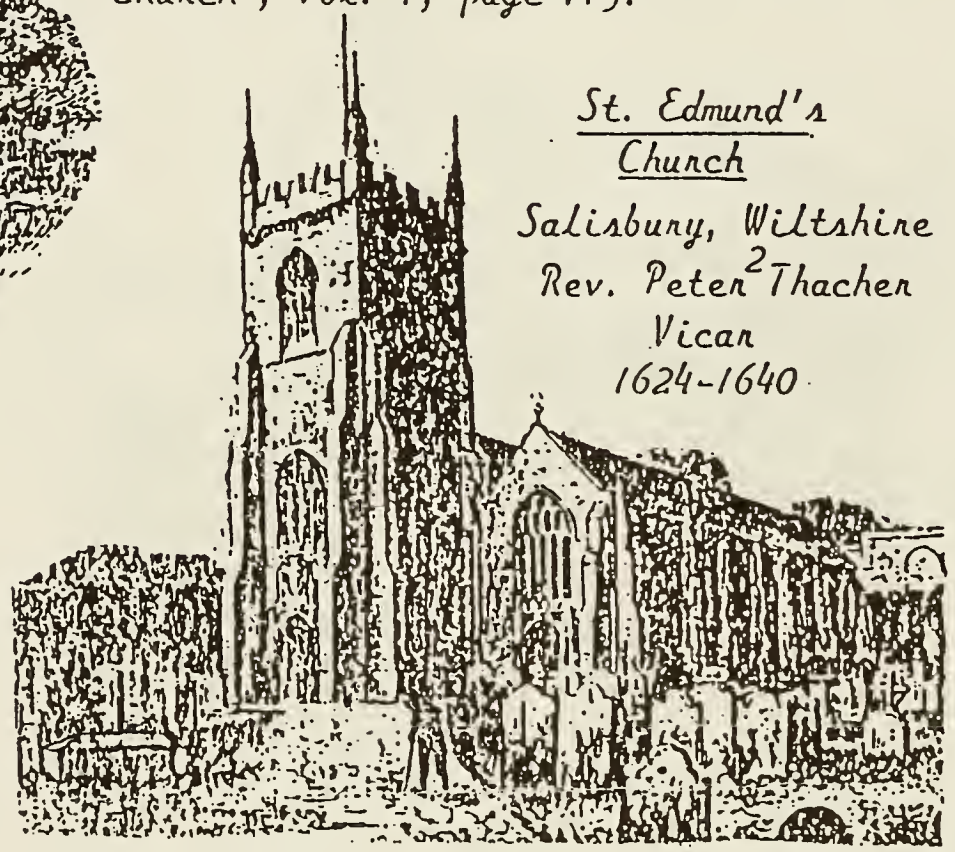
From the Somerset & Dorset Exchange, Issue 243, June 13, 1986



The Church at Milton Clevédon

Rev. Peter[2]Thacher, Vicar
1616-1623

Birthplace of his son, Thomas[3]Thacher, May 1, 1620. "The History of Old South Church", Vol. 1, page 113.



St. Edmund's Church

Salisbury, Wiltshire
Rev. Peter[2]Thacher
Vicar
1624-1640

Rev. Peter[2]Thacher and his brother, Anthony (1588-1667) were born at Queen Camel, Somersetshire, Eng.

Anthony joined his brother at St. Edmund's from 1632-1634, as Curate, lived in Holland and traveled to America disguised as a tailor! He took Peter's son, Thomas along on the ship, James, 1635.

On August 14, 1635 Anthony and his family were on their way from Ipswich to Marblehead on a small craft when a storm struck off the coast of Cape Ann. The sole survivers were Anthony and his wife. Young Thomas Thacher had prefered to travel by land. Anthony was later granted the rocky isle on which the wreck occurred. It was thereafter known as "Thacher's Island".

On August 14,1985, descendants of Anthony and Thomas Thacher met on Thacher Island to commemorate the 350th anniversary of that sad event.

The twin lighthouses of the island were featured in the June, 1985, Yankee Magazine pages 60-65, entitled Thacher Island" by Tim Clark.

IN the shadow of the Old Church of St. Edmunds, at Salsbury, England, is a moss-covered altar tomb.

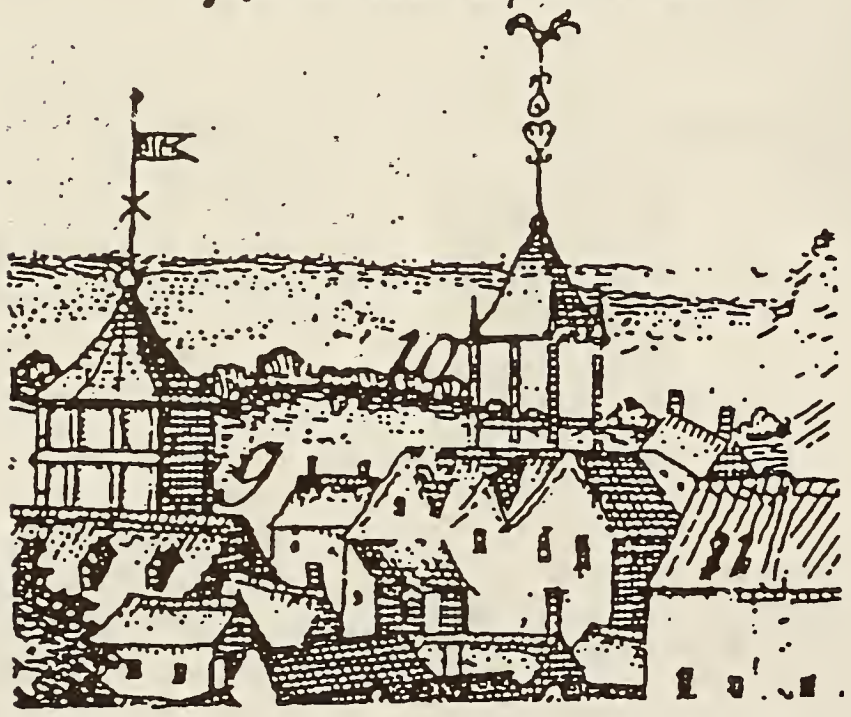
Here lyeth ye bodye
of
PETER THACHER,
Who was a laborious Minister in Preaching,
Ye Gospel of
JESUS CHRIST,
To ye people of St. Edmunds,
By ye space of xix years.
Who departed this life on the Lord's Day,
at Night,
Being the 11th Day of February 1640.
Let no man move his Bones.

PETER THACHER was a man "very highly esteemed for his piety and learning, and was the friend of Dr. Reynolds, the renowned Professor of Divinity in Oxford, who left him in his Will many valuable books, as a token of his esteem." He labored faithfully in the old town of Salsbury, and has slept undisturbed, all these long years, in this church-yard.

Gloucester Daily Times, Aug. 16, 1985 Page 1, "An Old Family" by Thacher

"So long as Boston shall Boston be
And by her bay-tides rise and fall,
Shall freedom stand in the old South Church
And plead for the rights of all."

From the poem, "In the Old South",
by John Greenleaf Whittier



Old Cedar Meetinghouse
From the Price map of Boston
"And Plead for the Rights of All" by Winslowe

Three buildings, 1670, 1730, 1873, each one telling its story and standing as a milestone in a three hundred year record of America.

"Not until the 1800's were church stoves installed in the majority of meetinghouses. The more sophisticated city folk apparently felt the need for heat earlier than did their country cousins." The Saturday Evening Post of Jan. 25, 1783 printed the following jingle after the installation of the first stove in Old South Church, Boston:

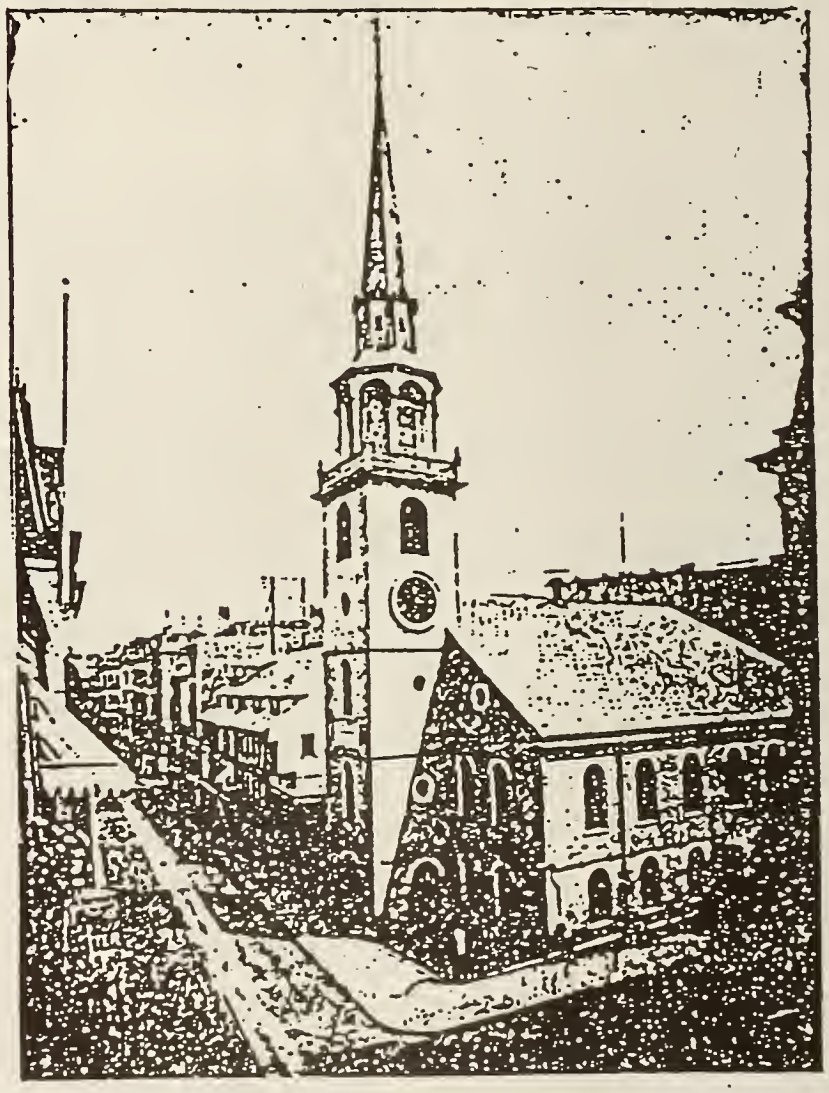
"Extinct the sacred fire of love,
Our zeal grown cold and dead
In the house of God we fix a stove
To warm us in their stead.

From "New England Worships" by John Wedda

"The General Court in their session of May 1674, passed this order:
"Whereas there is now granted that there may be a printing presse elsewhere than at Cambridge; it is ordered and Enacted that Rev. Thomas Thacher and Rev. Increase Mather of Boston, be added to the former Licensers."

From "The History of Printing in America" by Isaiah Thomas

Rev. Thomas Thacher (1620-1678)
First minister of Old South Meetinghouse,
born at Milton Clevedon, Somerset, England.



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I. Rev. Peter Thacher[4] (1651-1727) of Milton, son of Rev. Thomas Thacher[3] of Boston, Massachusetts:

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Milton, Mass. (no photo is available), Rev. Peter Thacher[4], pastor 1681-1727.

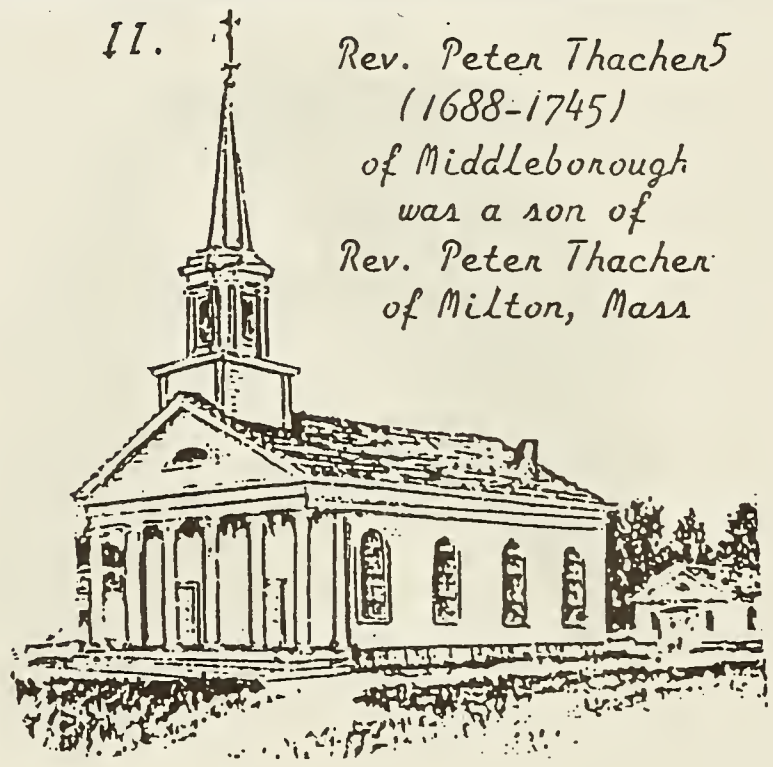
He was held in high regard by the early Puritan Devines and apparently also by a higher power:

Excerpt from Samuel Sewall's Diary
from "Remarkable Providences" in
"America Begins" by Richard M. Dorson, page 151:

- Omens and Signs in Diaries -

"Monday, April 29, 1695. In the afternoon there is thunder and lightning, and about 2 P.M. a very extraordinary storm of hail; twas as big as pistol and musket bullets. It broke the glass of... Mr. Sergeant's...Col. Shrimpton, Mr. Willard, Gov. Bradstreets, New Meetinghouse, et cetera.
Mr. Cotton Mather dined with us, and...he had just been mentioning that more ministers' houses than others proportionably had been smitten with lightning, inquiring what the meaning of God should be in it.
Many hailstones broke through the glass and flew to the middle of the room...people afterward, gazed upon the house to see its ruins. 'Twas a sorrowful thing for me to see the house so far undone before 'twas finished.
It seems at Milton, on the other hand, there was NO Hail!"

II. Rev. Peter Thacher[5] (1688-1745) of Middleborough was a son of Rev. Peter Thacher of Milton, Mass

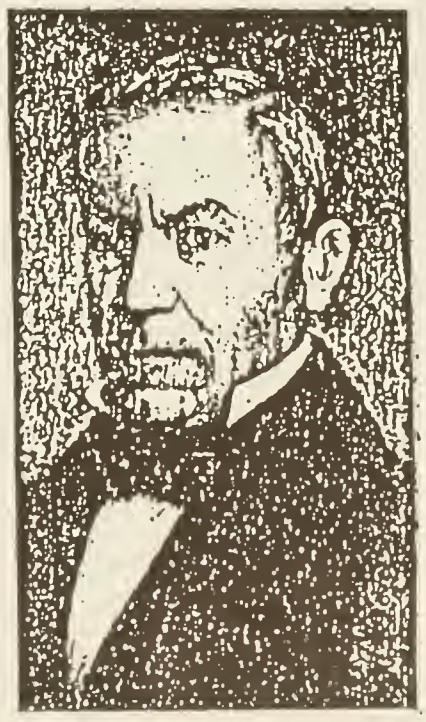


The First Congregational Church
Middleborough, Massachusetts

The "Meetinghouse at the Green" first organized 1694. Rev. Peter[5] Thacher was the third minister 1709-1744 in the second church building that stood from 1701 to 1745.

Pictured above is the fourth church building, built in 1828. Daniel Webster called it "the most beautiful church in New England"!

III. Rev. Peter Thacher[6] (1715-1785) of Attleborough, son of Rev. Peter Thacher[5] of Middlebono, served as a Chaplain in the American Revolution.



REV. PETER THACHER
Ministry 1748 - 1785

References: "Harvard Graduates" Sibley V.2,5 & 10; DAR Patriot Index V.1; "Annals of the American Pulpit" Sprague V.1; "History of the 2nd Congn. Church of Attlebono" Cox.

BRATTLE STREET CHURCH,

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

I stand before thee, venerable pile;
I think of time long past; I mind the days
When first thy honored walls resounded with
The warning voice of zealous piety;
The hallowed prayer; the hymns of sacred praise
Addressed to Him, whose guardian power had raised
A mighty nation on these distant shores
To bless His name; the days of fearful strife;
When noble hearts and stalwart hands arose
In Freedom's might; when kindred ties were rent,
And kindred blood was shed; when the stern will
Of unrelenting despotism sought
To crush our young and glowing energies,
Could these old walls relate the thrilling scenes
Of those, our days of gloom, could they repeat
The sacred pledges of our patriot sires;
The whispered vows which bound their noble souls
In the firm bonds of union, deep and strong;
How would their children catch the hallowed fire
And echo the charmed word.. Deep fixed I see
The iron symbol in that ancient wall;*
Symbol of bold resistance to the will
Of arbitrary power; so let it be;
So let our children see the cannon's mark,
And prize the blessings which our fathers bought
With the best blood of freemen; let it be
To teach them to preserve the golden chain
Of sacred union, bright to latest time.
Not alone
This venerated relic of past days
Recalls our country's struggle to be free;
Associations nearer, dearer yet,
Are roused, as with an earnest lingering gaze
My eyes are wandering o'er its time-worn form.
Within these walls full oft has the mild voice
Of him, whom in my early youth I knew *
And reverenced, poured its liquid melody
Into the listening ears, perhaps of those
Whom careless curiosity had drawn
To idly hear, but who retired to think;
To meditate on truths which, from his lips,
Acquired a double force; to raise their thoughts
To Him, whose minister of grace he was.
Though many years have passed, I still recall
His noble form, his winning smile, his voice
So finely toned; and though the silent tomb
Has long enshrined his dust, I still behold
His glance of love, which oft was mildly cast
On his first grandchild.
Years have passed away;
Still, as in childhood's hour, I venerate
His sacred memory, and with the hope,
The trembling hope, that I shall yet attain
His heavenly resting place, I view the spot
His presence hallowed and his prayers have blest.

* During the time in which Boston was occupied by the British, a ball was sent from the American works in the vicinity and lodged in the wall of Brattle Street Church where it has ever since remained.

* Rev. Peter Thacher, D.D., former pastor of Brattle Street Church.

HANNAH BLANEY[7] THACHER was born at Lynn Mass. on October 24th, 1796, and was married to Reuben Washburn - a lawyer in Lynn - four weeks before she was 17 years old. Her first son was named Peter Thacher, in the time honored custom of the family.

Mr. Washburn moved his law practice to Boston and then to Vermont where he was Registor of Probate of Windsor County. Mrs. Washburn rendered great service by doing almost all the recording in the massive volumes. She also wrote many fine poems.

She died at Ludlow, Vt. on Sept. 5th, 1871.

From "An Old Family" Thacher. (Thomas[3], Peter[4], Oxenbridge[5], Peter[6], Thos. C.[7], Hannah[8])

Ancestry in Vol. 2 of E.J.Thacher's "Thomas Thacher, Boston Branch"

DR. JAMES THACHER (1754-1844)

From Mr. Buckingham's New England Magazine, July 1834 (in part)

The military journal of Dr. James Thacher of Plymouth, Mass. is often quoted in today's history books. A descendant of Anthony Thacher of Yarmouth, he was the 3rd son of John and Content (Norton) Thacher, born at Barnstable, Mass., Feb. 14, 1754.

Dr. James Thacher served for 7 years as a surgeon in the Revolutionary War. He was with the First Virginia Regiment 1778-79 and with Col. Henry Jackson's Mass. Regiment. His "Military Journal During the American Revolutionary War" 1775-1783, was published in 1823. This "remarkable historical document" was again published in 1854 under the name, "A Military Journal", and again in 1862 as "The American Revolution".

Dr. Thacher started his medical practice at Plymouth, Mass in 1784. He married April 28, 1785, Susannah Hayward of Bridgewater, Mass. In 1798, he "threw out land" at Plymouth, and laid out "Thacher Street", which has since been "High St." and"Summer St.".

Dr. James Thacher received honorary degrees from Harvard College, 1810: Master of Arts and Doctor of Medicine. At Dartmouth, he was a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Thacher wrote "The American Orchardist", 1822. He introduced the tomato to Plymouth and was a beekeeper. He also wrote a "Medical Biography", 1828 and "History of the Town of Plymouth", 1832. He was Librarian and "Cabinet Keeper" for the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth. He died May 23, 1844 at Plymouth, Mass.

REV. MOSES THACHER (1795-1878)

"Rise and Fall of The Slave Power in America" by Henry Wilson
From the Cambridge Chronicle, Cambridge, Henry Co., Ill., Feb. 16th, 1893

The intensely interesting volume, of the caption above, was written by the Hon. Henry Wilson, late Vice-President of the United States. Included are well written biographies of the great champions of anti slavery through the decades.

Rev. Moses Thacher, who is so often referred to by Mr. Wilson as being one of the ablest and zealous of the anti-slavery agitators, was the father of the late Moses W. Thacher of this place, the latter being the husband of Mrs. Rosina Thacher of the Thacher House in Cambridge. The reverend gentleman was also the grandfather of Charles W. Thacher, a native Henry County boy, now station agent of the R. I. & P. road at Milan.

Moses Thacher's nativity was Attleboro, Mass., Worcester Co. - where he was born Nov. 14, 1795, during the 2nd term of George Washington. At the age of 8, he moved with his parents to Susquehanna, Pa. At age 18, he returned to Mass. and at 26, entered Brown University in Rhode Island where he prepared for the ministry.

He married soon after, Henrietta Wilmarth in Attleboro and in 1823 was ordained as pastor of the Congregational Church at Wrentham, Mass. where he remained for 16 years. There, he was also editor of the New England Telegraph, and later the Congregationalist. During this time, he was elected to serve one term in the state senate of the old commonwealth. [Note: born at Wrentham, Moses 1824, Stephen 1826, Martha 1829, Thomas 1831, Isaac 1833.]

In 1838 he moved to Pennsylvania and filled pastorates there for some time. Then he moved his family to New York where he ministered to churches in Delaware, Chenango, Cortland, Cayuga, Oneida and Franklin counties until 1866 when he came to Henry Co., Ill. where his sons reside. He died here July 21, 1878 at the age of 82 years. His remains repose in the Pleasant Hill cemetery in Munson. During the 55 years of his ministerial life he founded several churches, the last of which was the Presbyterian Church at Munson.

Mr. Wilson says of the New England anti-slavery society: "Beginning its career with the promulgation of the doctrine that immediate emancipation was the duty of the master and the right of the slave, held its first meeting in Essex St. Church, Boston, Jan. 29, 1831, when a very able address was delivered by Rev. Moses Thacher, then editor of the Boston Journal. The address asserted that the fundamental principle upon which our constitution is based is our Savior's Golden Rule."

QUERIES: The Thacher family of America wishes information concerning the ancestry, wife & parents and circumstances of the birth of Rev. Peter[1] Thacher of Queen Camel, Somerset, England, born c1545. WAS he a descendant of John Thacher (or Thetcher?) who was"sheriff of Sussex & Surrey c1500"? Please write to the editors (addresses below) for discussion.

WANTED: Information on the Choctaw Indian Mission in Miss. where my Rev. ancestor, Obadiah Thacher's two daughters, Hannah (& husband Rev. Wm. Wells Pride) and Philencia were missionaries 1819-1826. Write to Cousin Nancy, address below.

Editors wish any information on the Texas Thatchers who went to Brazil after the Civil War. Andrew & Eliza Thatcher of Marshall, TX settled near Americana, Brazil. Their great grandson, Eugene C. Harter wrote about them in "The Lost Colony of the Confederacy", 1985.

Request info on Capt. George E. Thatcher of Mansfield, Louisiana, enlisted 1861 Co.D, 2nd Reg. Louisiana Infantry of the Confederate Army. In 1864 was Capt. of Artillary at Marshall, TX. Was surrendered & 'paroled'1865. Write to Cousin Howard, address below.

How did the town of "Thatcher, Texas" get its name? Write to the editors.

NOTE: We will be happy to include YOUR QUERIES in future issues, free of charge.

C O U S I N H O W A R D ' S C O R N E R

Cousin Howard E. Thacher, Esq. wishes discussion concerning the Thacher Coat of Arms, its variations and Arms of the various Thacher families in England. The Arms we Thacher descendants in America generally accept as our own are shown below at center. In a letter to Howard from the College of Arms in London, our right to bear these arms was questioned. In coming issues, we will re-examine all of the evidence here in Cousin Howard's Corner! Your letters will be much appreciated!

THATCHER ARMS

According to Selleck's "Norwalk"

'Let Arms Yield to the Gown
Let War give way to Peace"

HERALDIC DESCRIPTION

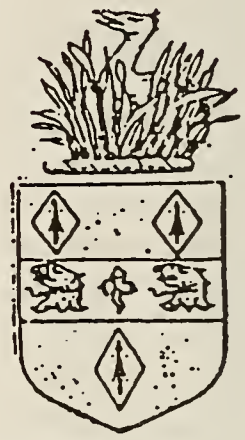
ARMS: *Gules, a cross moline argent; on a chief d'or, three grasshoppers, proper.*

CREST: *A grasshopper, proper, resting on a helmet, visor closed.*

"A Roll of Arms"

Thacher

Thacher, Antony
of Yarmouth, Mass.



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Matthews' American Armory

"Tomas & Antony Thacher 1595-1667 of Yarmouth, Mass. sons of Rev. Peter Thacher of Queen Camel, Somerset."

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COAT-OF-ARMS — Heraldry

Heraldry, in the fullest sense of the word, is the business or occupation of a herald, but as used today it applies to but one of the many concerns of the medieval herald, namely, to the science of armorial bearings.

In the days of chivalry, the herald was an official of much importance and many functions. He issued proclamations in the name of his lord; bore messages between persons of high estate; supervised tournaments and trials by combat; was the recorder of deeds of chivalry and the court of last resort in all matters pertaining to genealogy and precedence. Naturally, it was the herald who became the arbiter, and eventually the dictator, in all matters relating to armorial bearings.

Just when the custom of bearing a distinguishing mark upon the shield originated, it is difficult to say, but with the development of body armor and the closed helmet the need of a distinctive emblem became imperative.

At first a knight was free to choose whatever mark or devise pleased his fancy. This he placed upon his shield, and in slightly later times, upon the surcoat which he wore over his armor; whence the name COAT-OF-ARMS. But as time went on, armorial bearings increased and multiplied, and frequent duplications of individual bearings arose. By the fourteenth century the need for systemization and conventionalization had made itself felt, and the whole subject had been reduced to something closely approaching an exact science.

The starting point in heraldry is naturally, the ESCUTCHEON, or shield, viewed always as though borne by a person facing the observer. Hence, the terms DEXTER, or right, and SINISTER, or left, designate sides of the shield exactly the opposite of those to which we should naturally apply them: DEXTER is the BEARER'S right, SINISTER, the BEARER'S left.

The colors applied to the shield are called TINCTURES, and are of two classes: The metals, OR (gold) and ARGENT (silver), and the colors proper, as GULES (red), AZURE (blue), etc. This distinction between metals and colors must be carefully observed, as one of the important principles of heraldry is that color must never touch color, nor metal, metal. In place of the tinctures, certain conventional allover patterns, known as furs, were frequently substituted. Originally the furs were but two in number, ERMINE, and VAIR; but these were later modified into various others, as ERMINOIS, PEAN, POTENT, etc.

The CHARGES, or bearings, placed upon the shield, fall into two distinct divisions, the one comprising the ORDINARIES and SUB-ORDINARIES, usually showing geometrical patterns, and the other, the COMMON CHARGES, being of a more or less pictorial, or representative, character.

The ORDINARIES have always been rated as very ANCIENT and highly honorable charges, being in reality nothing more nor less than simple embellishments of some structural or strengthening part of the shield, such as doubtless were produced in very early times by coloring this part differently from the shield. Greater refinement and variety were obtainable by using any one of a number of ornamental PARTITION LINES to form the edge of the charge.

The SUBORDINARIES are charges of the same general character as the ordinaries; indeed, authorities differ as to just where the division line between the two classes should be drawn.

Among the COMMON CHARGES may be mentioned the lion, the eagle, the stag, the griffin, the sun, moon, star, mullet, cockle, and a host of other objects drawn from the world of nature or of myth and fable. Most notable of all is the lion, or leopard, which appears again and again in the arms of monarches and nobles of high estate, as in the royal arms of England and of Scotland. Second only to the lion is the eagle, which sometimes appears single-headed, sometimes double-headed, and usually DISPLAYED, that is, with wings widespread.

A COAT-OF-ARMS may bear a single charge, or it may present a great array of charges to represent the union in one person of many houses. To the proper assembling of such charges on a single shield, the name MARSHALING is applied. The simplest form of marshaling is QUARTERING, as in the arms of Great Britain, but each quarter of a shield may itself be quartered, and the process of marshaling may be continued, as in the great arms of Maria Theresa, or those of certain European nations, until the coat-of-arms becomes an intricate design composed of seemingly innumerable constituents.

Outside of the escutcheon, we usually find certain heraldic embellishments which are not strictly essential to the arms proper. The HELMET is a usual accompaniment, placed over the escutcheon, together with an ornamental scrollwork, called MANTLING, which droops down on either side, and which originally represented the scarf worn round the body beneath the coat of mail. The CREST, originally a special mark of honor, is now commonly placed above the helmet, rising from a WREATH, or narrow band, formed of the two chief colors of the arms. The MOTTO, in early times the

battle cry of its owners, is usually placed within a SCROLL, above the crest or beneath the escutcheon. SUPPORTERS, that is figures of men, beasts, angels, or the like, placed on either side of the escutcheon in attitudes of support or protection, are usually to be found only in the arms of monarchs and very powerful nobles. This is also true of the CORONET while the CROWN is reserved exclusively for kings and emperors.

The meaning of COLOR in Heraldry: YELLOW or GOLD - Honor and Loyalty; SILVER or WHITE - Faith and Purity; RED - Bravery and Courage; BLUE - Piety and Sincerety; BLACK - Grief and Sorrow; GREEN - Youth and Hope; PURPLE - High Rank and Royalty; ORANGE - Strength and Endurance; RED-PURPLE - Sacrifice.

COATS OF ARMS AND SYMBOLS OF HERALDRY

1-6, complete coat-of-arms: 1. United States of America; 2. Washington; 3. Roosevelt; 4. Phillipine Islands; 5. Great Britian; 6. France under the Bourbon reign 7-18, some of the elements used in coats-of-arms: 7, shield or escutcheon; 8, helmet; 9, mantling; 10, wreath, supporting crest composed of hand and branch; 11, wreath, plain; 12, supporters; 13, crown; 14, coronet; 15, scroll, bearing motto; 16, crosses (a. botonee; b. crosslet, fitchie; c, Greek; d, saltire; e, pattee); 17, eagle, displayed; 18, lion rampant.

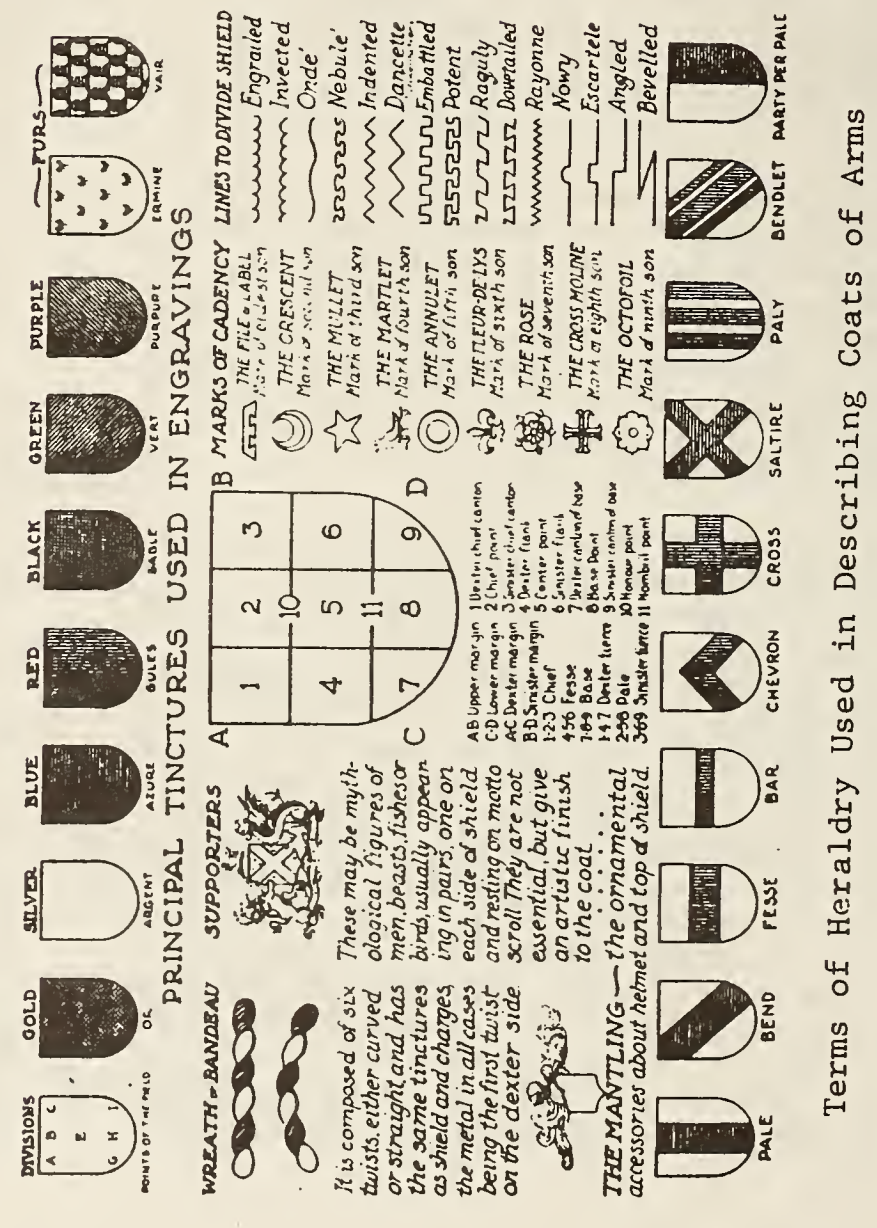
COLORS
of the
SEASONS and MONTHS

SPRING - pink and green
AUTUMN - orange and brown
SUMMER - yellow and blue
WINTER - red and black

JANUARY - black and white
FEBRUARY - deep blue
MARCH - gray or silver
APRIL - yellow
MAY - lavender or lilac
JUNE - pink or rose
JULY - sky blue
AUGUST - deep green
SEPTEMBER - orange and gold
OCTOBER - brown
NOVEMBER - purple
DECEMBER - red

COLORS
in
RELIGIOUS SYMBOLISM

WHITE - Symbol of light; signifies purity, joy and glory.
RED - Symbol of fire and blood; signifies charity.
BLUE - Symbol of heaven; signifies truth.
GREEN - Symbol of nature; signifies the hope of eternal life.
PURPLE - Signifies sorrow and suffering.
BLACK - Signifies death in most countries.



Terms of Heraldry Used in Describing Coats of Arms

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No. 2 Spring 1990 St. Barnabas Church, Queen Camel

ST. BARNABUS CHURCH

A drawing of St. Barnabus Church 1843, by J. C. Buckler, Queen Camel, Somerset, England.

J. C. Buckler was a topigraphical artist employed to make drawings of ancient buildings in Somerset.

A collection of the originals is housed at the Museum, Castle Green, Taunton.

THE TOWER, c1350

The Tower, c1350, with set-back butresses is 86 feet high. The pinnacles were restored in 1952. The present weathercock was added in the 2nd half of the 19th century. The clock, made by W. Potts & Sons of Leeds, was erected as a memorial of the Jubilee 1887. The faces were regilded in 1962...there are 140 steps to the top of the tower and the 6 bells are reputed to be the heaviest in the world. They were rehung c1908 by Taylors of Loughborough.

SOME NOTES ON ST. BARNABUS CHURCH

Some people would like to derive the name, Camel from Camelot by identifying the iron-age earthework at South Cadbury with King Arthur's stronghold. The Oxford Dictionary at Place-names says that in the cartularies of Mulchelney Abbey, the village is called Cantmael - Cant = ridge, and Mael = bare. Camel then from the long narrow hill to the north of the church. The pre-fix "Queen" comes from royal possession of the manor, Hazelgrove. This belonged to successive queens until 1558 when Queen Mary exchanged it for the manor of Little Weldon in Northants with her chancellor Sir Walter Mildmay.

The Mildmay family held Hazlegrove estate until 1929. Subsequently the Strangways estate sold the house and 20 acres for L4,000 to Bruton Junior School in 1952.

In the ringing chamber of the tower there are 2 hatchments of the Mildmays. The family motto "alla ta hara" is thought to have been adopted in the Third Crusade and is corrupt arabic translated "God has guarded". (cp."History of Hazlegrove House", Lankester)

We have no representation of St. Barnabus, but it is possible that his statue once stood in the niche on the west face of the tower.

Brewers' Dictionary of Phrase & Fable says Barnabus' symbol is a hay-rake because his feast day June 11th is in the haymaking season. Before the calendar was reformed, June 11th was the longest day, hence the jingle:

"Barnaby bright, Barnaby bright
The longest day, the shortest night."

Some details about the bells:

Bell 1. Dated 15th Century. "Ave Michael ora pro nobis (pray for us). Wt. 8 cwt.

There are other connections with St. Michael- in a niche above the east window (outside), there is a winged figure - possibly the archangel.

Bell 2. Wm. Bilbie, Chewstock: fecit 1778. John Francis & Wm. Watts, churchwardens. "My trebble voice makes hearts rejoice." Wt. 10 cwt.

Continued...

Continued from page 1: SOME NOTES ON ST. BARNABUS CHURCH, QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET

Bell 3. 1706 Thomas Pennington, Exeter. Recast 1895 by Taylors. Wt. 15 cwt.

Bell 4. Roger Pudue, Bristol. C.R. "Draw near to God". Anno domini 1607. Wt. 20 cwt.

Bell 5. 1861 John Taylor, Loughborough: re-cast. Wt. 26 cwt.

Bell 6. Roger Purdue. Bristol. "Heare I am as you may see, William Pirri and His wyff gave me - To this Church free - To be maintained forever" 1633 R.P. Wt. 36 cwt. (diameter 59 inches).

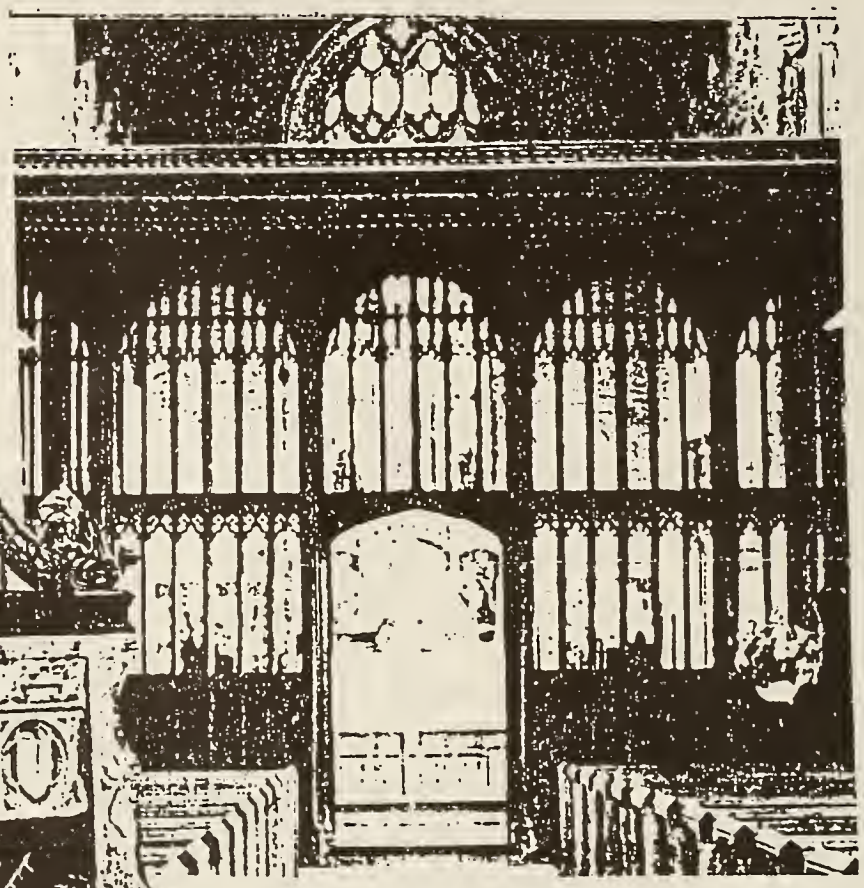
There is also a small bell affectionately known as the "ting-tang" which is inscribed:
"Hark when Bess Perry call, Come to church and serve God all."

This bell contains a high percentage of silver, hence its pure and mellow tone. Bess Perry is reputed to have 'canvassed' the parishioners for silver coins which were then added to the bell metal mix. Will Perry was the Somerset agent of Sir Humphrey Mildmay, Lord of the manor from 1616. Elizabeth (Bess), was his wife. A survey of the manor in about 1620 lists William Pirrie, aged 54 and his wife, Elizabeth, aged 50. He died in August 1640 and she in June 1645.

Information from a brochure by P. Ralph Bowman, Vicar St. Barnabus Church, 1965, and from "Queen Camel - Our Royal Heritage" by Gordon Moore, 1983.

Let us look round the inside of the church:
Note the moulded tower arch and the flanking stones of the former pitched roof. The clerestory was added c1450 and the roof is of the Somerset type with embattled tie-beams. king posts and tracery. The braces rest on decorated stone corbels and the eastend is coffered. The stone piers and arches are dated by Pevsner as not later than 1360. Note the different decorations of the capitals and the fact that the two arches next to the tower are lower and narrower than the others.

Rymer's FOEDERA, V.2:855
"...it was noted that, in 1291, the church was valued at 20 marks and the Manor and park to the east of some 72 acres, L60." The roof was raised to its present height c1400.



THE FONT c1400

Made during the building period of the present church the octagonal design is unusual. The figures were slashed, probably during the Cromwellian period.

Photos courtesy of Gordon Moore

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VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST TO OUR HOWLAND FAMILY

by The Rev. Philip Thacher Fifer, Appointed Elder of Our Society

"In May 1979, my wife Letitia and I visited England and Wales, and went to several places of Howland interest. We visited both SS. Peter and Paul Church, and its Vicar in Fen Stanton. Also S. Mary the Virgin Church, and its Vicar in Henlow, home of the Tilley family. Of some Howland interest, we visited Salisbury Cathedral, and S. Barnabus Church, Queen Camel, in Somerset.

SALISBURY and QUEEN CAMEL: This is Thacher territory and there are two lines of Howlands interest in these Thachers. Mrs. Jabez Howland, once upon a time the mistress of our Howland house, was Bethia Thacher, daughter of Antony Thacher, granddaughter of Peter Thacher, Sr. So, all descendants of Jabez are in this line.

All the descendants of Lydia Gorham, daughter of Desire Howland, are in this Thacher line. Lydia became the 2nd wife of John Thacher, son of Antony. Antony and his 2nd wife are the ancestors of all the "Cape Cod" Thachers.

The father of Antony was Peter Sr. He served for a full fifty years as Vicar of S. Barnabus, Queen Camel, Somerset, in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. Here we were successful in our quest. Peter's name is on the wall in the list of vicars showing his service from 1574 to 1624. Presumably he died in 1624 and must have been buried there. Our search for his grave, not surprisingly, was fruitless.

The church manifested both great antiquity, present immaculate care, and a full schedule of services.

Queen Camel is a picture-book village of stone cottages over which towers the church, and all of it surrounded by a seemingly prosperous and lush rural countryside. The village itself has possibly 700 inhabitants.

Queen Camel is explained as derived from Cantmael, Cant-ridge - and mael - bare. The prefix "Queen" comes from royal possession of the manor of Hazlegrove by successive queens until 1558 when Sir Walter Mildmay came into possession.

References: Queen Camel brochure;
John R. Totten, "Thacher-Thatcher Coat of Arms" on page 99 of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record for April 1910.

ELWOOD JAMES THACHER VISITS ST. BARNABUS CHURCH, QUEEN CAMEL

A celebrity guest in Queen Camel this month was 80 year old American, Elwood Thacher, taken into the bosom of the community from which his ancestors hailed. It was in 1635 that vicar's son Anthony Thacher set sail for the new world. In the 1930s Elwood Thacher started tracing his roots and now 13 genealogy books later he has made it to Queen Camel on a honeymoon tour with his wife, Fritzene. The Western Gazette, 31st July, 1987.

"In Queen Camel we had a very exciting welcome from many nice folks about town. We stayed at Peter Oxley's Queen Camel House from July 16 to 19 (1987), and enjoyed visiting with Gordon and Irene Moore, a most delightful couple. We attended the wedding of Gordon's niece in St. Barnabus' Church - the Bells of St. Barnabus were heard for miles around! On Sat. evening the 19th, Vicar Morris held a memorial service for Vicar Peter Thacher who served the church for 50 years."

August 15, 1987 letter to Howard E. Thacher from Elwood J. Thacher

QUEEN CAMEL RECORDS in the DIOCESAN REGISTRY OF BATH & WELLS

1602 Giles, the sonne of Peter Thacher was buried the third day of August, 1602.

1621 Thomas Thacher and Mary Lokier wer married the four and twentieth day of September, 1621.

Edith, the daughter of Anthonie Thacher was baptised the seaventh day of ffebruarie A^{o} D^{no} 1621.

John, the son of John Thacher was buried the six and twentieth day of March, 1621.

Alice, the wife of Thomas Thacher, was buried the last day of March, Anno Dm, 1621.

1622 Rebekah, the daughter of John Thacher was baptised the Eighteenth day of April, 162?

* * "In the middle aisle of the Church of Queen Camel...is a stone slab, containing the following inscriptions:

"Here lyeth the Body of John Thacher, who was buried the 25th day of Feb. 1653."

"Here also lyeth Rebecka, the wife of John Thacher, who was buried the 11th day of December, 1662."

"Here also lyeth the Body of Peter, son of John Thacher, who was buried December the 9th, Anno Do. 1669."

* * "In November, 1883, Rev. Ralph P. E. Thacher of Cambridge, Mass., discovered in the Hugo manuscript in the British Museum, that a Rev. PETER THACHER was instituted vicar of the parish of Queen Camel in 1574, and continued in that office till his death in 1624, a period of 50 years. There are strong reasons to believe that he was the father of Rev. PETER THACHER (1) of Milton Clevedon, and (2) of Salisbury; of JOHN of Queen Camel, and of ANTONY THACHER, one of the three grantees and founders of Yarmouth, Mass."

* * Information from "THE THACHER FAMILY" by Hon. Peter Thacher of Boston, 1885.

"THATCHER OF RINGMER" from SUSSEX GENEALOGIES, John Comber, 1933

I. JOHN THATCHER of Ringmer, and St. Olave, Southwark. Will dated 1499 & pr. 1502.
Married firstly Margaret, dau. of Thomas Best of Lewes. Had issue:
William Thatcher of Cambridge. Named in will of stepmother, 1512/13.
John Thatcher of Ringmer. Will proved 1526. Married Jane Chaloner of Lindfield.
Thomas Thatcher (II).
Margaret. Probably married Edward Peirs.
Agnes.
Isabel. Married Edward Parker. Had issue.

II. THOMAS THATCHER of Westham, Esq. Will proved 1538/9. Married Jone Lewknor of Kingston Bowsey. Had issue: John Thatcher (III); Agnes, m. Richard Sackville.

III. JOHN THATCHER of Priesthawes. "Aged 31 and more in 1537." D. 1574.
Married Agnes Gage. Had issue:
John Thacher. Married Mary dau. of Sir Nicholas Pelham. Had issue:
Ann, died before Jan. 1612. Married Anthony Stapley of Framfield.
Margery, aged 17 in 1574. Wife of Edward Isham.
Thomas Thacher.
Elizabeth. Dead in 1612. Married William Morgan of Chilworth, Surrey. Had issue
Philippa. Dead in 1612. Married Thomas Colepeper of Wakehurst. Had issue.
James Thatcher (IV).
Katherine. Dead in 1612. Married Herbert Pelham of Michelham.

IV. JAMES THATCHER died 31 Jan. 1612/13. Married c1567 Mary dau. of John Parker.
Had issue:
John Thatcher of Priesthawes Aged 40 and more in 1613. Died 3 Sep. 1649.
Married Katherine, dau. of Edward Lord Windsor.
William Thatcher, born Westham 9 Oct. 1580. Married Ann, dau. of Sir Thos. Tresh
Katherine. Will proved 1664.
Margaret, baptised at Westham 1572. Wife of Maurice Kyffin, Esq.
Elizabeth, baptised 1573; wife of James Rootes. Will proved 1610.
Phillipa, wife of Thomas Pudsey, Esq.; Ann. wife of James Rootes, Esq.
Dorothy, bapt. 1587, married Wm. Fromond.; Mary, wife of Wm. Eyston, Esq.

NOTE: The Somerset Thachers were Puritans; the Sussex Thatchers were staunch Catholics.

REV. PETER[1] THACHER (c1545-1624)

I. REV. PETER[1] THACHER was born c1545/9; resided at Queen Camel, Somerset, England 1574 to 1624; died & buried probably at Queen Camel although we have no record, previous to May 7, 1624. Parents and wife unknown. 5 sons born at Queen Camel:

1. REV. PETER[2] THACHER, born 1587/88, died Feb. 16, 1640/1; resided at 1) Milton Clevedon, Somerset, 2) Salisbury, Wiltshire; married 1st Anne (Allwood?) who died c1634 and 2nd 1635, Alice Batt who died 1669. 4 sons and 3 daughters.
   - John Thacher, born 1615; died 1622, Milton Clevedon.
   - Peter Thacher, born c1616, died after 1641.
   - THOMAS[3] Thacher, born 1620 Milton Clevedon; died 1678, Boston, Mass.
   - Anne, born 1622; living 1640/41.
   - Martha, born 1623; married 1649 at Salisbury, Richard Pelham.
   - Elizabeth, born 1625/6, Salisbury; living 1640/41.
   - John Thacher, born 1627/8, Salisbury; died 1673, Salisbury.
2. ANTHONY[2] THACHER, born 1588/9; died 1667, Yarmouth, Mass.: resided at Salisbury, Salem & Yarmouth, Mass.; married 1st Mary who died & was buried at St. Edmond's, Salisbury; 2nd, Feb. 1635 Elizabeth Jones. 3 sons & 2 daus. by 1st marriage; 2 sons & 1 dau. by 2nd marriage.
   - William, birth date unknown, died Aug. 15, 1635
   - Edith, born c1621/2 Queen Camel, died August 15, 1635
   - Mary, birth date unknown, died August 15, 1635
   - Peter, birth date unknown, died August 15, 1635
   - Benjamin, born Salisbury Apr. 13, 1634; died cSept. 1, 1639 Salisbury.

   Anthony sailed to America on the ship, James, Apr. 5, 1635, taking his 2nd wife and first 4 children and nephew THOMAS[3] Thacher (above). On August 11, 1635 they left Ipswich for Marblehead (then Salem), Mass. on a small barque. All aboard were lost in a mighty storm off Cape Ann except for Anthony and his wife, Elizabeth. His 15 year old nephew, Thomas traveled to their destination by land.
   - JOHN[3] born Mar 17, 1638/9 Marblehead; died May 8, 1713, Yarmouth, Mass.; married 1st Rebecca Winslowe; 2nd Lydia Gorham.
   - JUDAH[3] born prob. Yarmouth; died Nov 4, 1676 Yarmouth; married Mary Thornton.
   - Bethia, born prob. Yarmouth; died Dec 19, 1725 R.I.(?); married Jabez Howland.
3. JOHN[2] THACHER, born c 1590/91; resided at Queen Camel & died there Feb. 25, 1653/54. Married Rebecca who died at Queen Camel 1662. 2 sons and 5 daughters.
   - John, birthdate unknown; buried at Queen Camel, Mar 26, 1621.
   - Rebecca, bapt. Queen Camel, Apr 8, 1623; married Richard Somers c1650.
   - Ann, Birth & death unknown; married 1st 1651 Richard Jeanes, 2nd Peter Lambe.
   - Elizabeth, birth & death unknown, married Richard Banger & had a son, John.
   - Martha, birth & death unknown (death bef. 1662?); married Thomas Martin - 3 ch.
   - Daughter, birth date unknown, died before 1662?; married John Lodwell of Q.C.
   - Peter, bapt. Jul 27, 1635 & buried Queen Camel, Dec 9, 1669.
4. GILES[2] THACHER, born 1592; died at Queen Camel & buried Aug 3, 1602.
5. THOMAS[2] THACHER, birth date unknown, died at Queen Camel & buried Aug 24, 1650; Married 1st Alice who died c Mar 30, 1620/1; 2nd at Queen Camel Sep 24, 1621 Marie Lokier who died c1668-69. 3 sons & 2 daus. all probably by 2nd wife.
   - Thomas, birth & death dates unknown; married 1648 Dorset Co., Joane Smith. 3 ch.
   - Peter, birth & death dates unknown; prob. resided Q.C.; married - 2 daus.
   - William, born at Queen Camel May, 1629; probably died before 1668, unmarried.
   - Anne, birth & death dates unknown; married Richard Nowell. 1 dau.
   - Mary, birth & death dates unknown; married 1648 at Queen Camel, Wm. Stevens. 3 ch.

Data from "THOMAS THACHER 1620-1678, THE BOSTON BRANCH & PROGENITORS" Vol. I By Elwood James Thacher 1978, Winter Haven, Fl & "THACHER-THATCHER" John R. Totten

In the next issue: REV. PETER[2] THACHER (c1587-c1640)

THE ROLL OF ARMS: The Committee on Heraldry presented the Roll of Arms to the New England Historical & Genealogical Society Council on May 6, 1914. (Register, Vol. 69, Supplement, pp. xvi-xxiii)

In this Roll of Arms under registry Number 59, we find the following Blazon:

"Thacher, Antony, and his nephew Thomas - of Yarmouth, Massachusetts."
"Arms: Gules a cross moline silver on a chief of gold three grasshoppers proper."
"Crest: A grasshopper as in the arms." ("resting on a helmut, viser closed.")

CLARK'S HERALDRY:

"The THACHER HELMUT denotes an ESQUIRE. ('Esquire': A title of honour above a gentleman and below a knight.)

The THACHER DISTINCTION OF HOUSE - is a cross moline - the distinction of an 8th son.

The MOLINE CROSS signifies a cross which turns round both ways at the extremities.

The GRASSHOPPER - among Athenians much esteemed. Among Egyptians, the hieroglyphic of music. (Perhaps a pun; a creature of grass, wheat & reed from which thatch is made.)

SUPPORTERS - engravers ornaments such as animals or birds, sometimes bearing allusion to the services of those whose arms they support.

GULES - red, in engraving represented by perpendicular lines. GHUL in the Persian language signifies rose-colour - the heraldic term came from the East, supposedly.

ARGENT - a French word for silver, and in heraldry is white.

BURKE'S GENERAL ARMORY, 1844 Edition:

"Thatcher (Essex & Sussex): Gules, a cross moline argent; on a chief or, three grasshoppers proper."

"Thatcher (Ringmer, County Sussex), visitation of 1634 - Gules, a cross moline argent; on a chief of the last (i.e. argent), three grasshoppers azure."

VERMONT'S AMERICA HERALDICA, p. 117:

**"Thatcher - Here is a clear pedigree from Rev. Thacher, born 1620, and belonging without contest to the Thachers of Ringmer, Sussex Co. originally of Essex Co.. (Visitation of 1634). The arms we give are found on the seal of a letter written in 1676 by the first Thomas[3] Thacher of Boston to his son Peter[4], then in London. Arms: Gules, a cross moline argent; on a chief or, three grasshoppers proper. Crests: (a) Saxon sword proper. (b) A grasshopper proper."

THE VISITATIONS OF SUSSEX, 1530 & 1633-34:

Page 217, "Thatcher of Warbill - Gules a cross moline argent, a chief or."

"Thetcher - Gules, a cross moline argent, on a chief of the second (i.e. argent) three grasshoppers vert."

Pages 53-54, "John Thetcher of Ringmer in Sussex Co., quartered with the arms of Lewknor. 1st quartering: Gules, a cross moline argent, on a chief of the second, (i.e. argent) three grasshoppers vert."

Page 209, "____ Thacher of Priesthaws, Esq. quartered with the arms of Piers. Gules, a cross moline argent; on a chief or, three grasshoppers vert."

THE HERALDIC JOURNAL, Vol. I, pp 113-140, "The Gore Roll of Arms":

No. 53: The Arms of Joshua Gee of Boston, Mass. quartered with the Thachers. (Joshua Gee married Elizabeth[4] Thacher, dau. of Judah[3]Thacher of Yarmouth.)
"1st on the chevron, between three leopards' faces, as many fleurs-de-lis."
"2nd a cross moline, on a chief three grasshoppers."

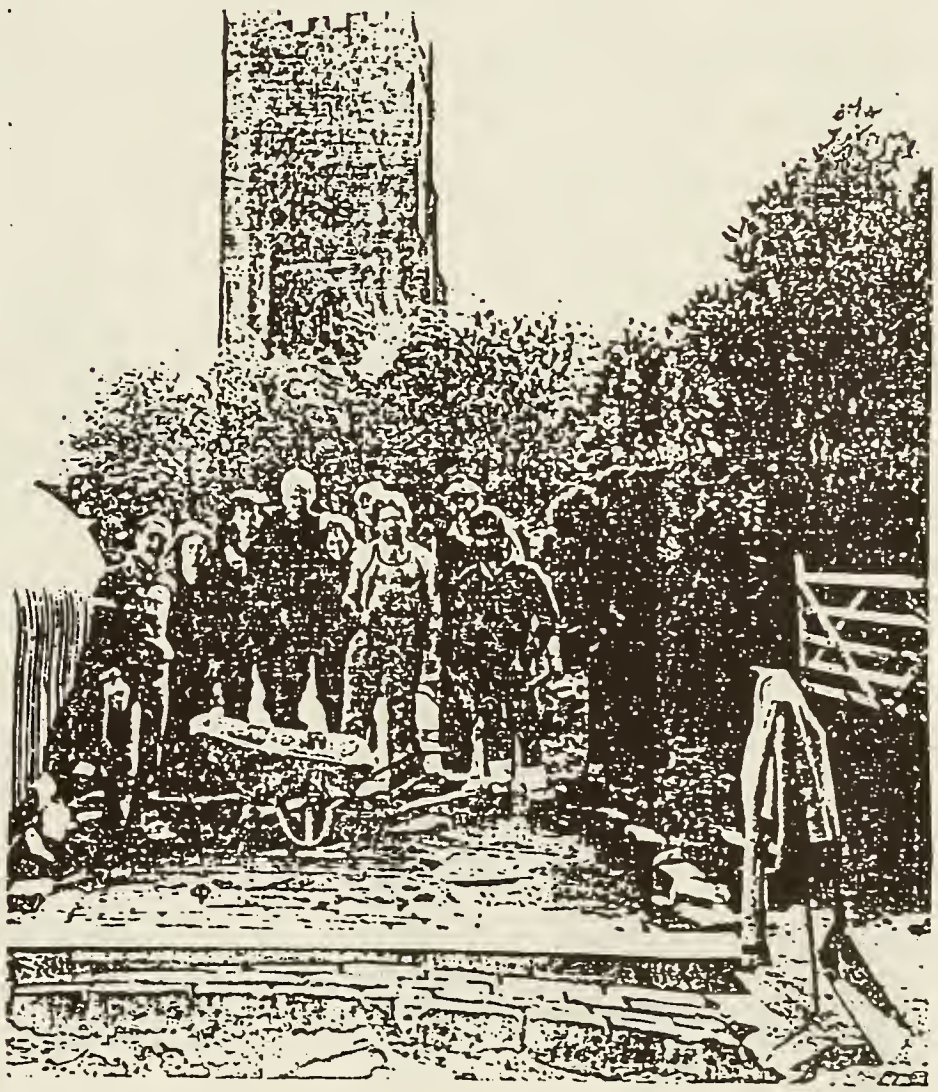
** When REV. THOMAS[3] THACHER affixed the Thacher Seal to his 1676 letter, the right to bear arms in England and its dependencies was rigidly scrutinized and an unauthorized assumption of this right was punishable by law.

It is not to be supposed that REV. THOMAS[3] THACHER, one of the leading divines of his day, and also one of the most prominent men of Boston, would have presumed to transgress the law in using such armorial insignia. The fact that he possessed this seal and used it, is the strongest presumptive proof of his legal right to do so.

- This letter will appear in a future issue -

Information from Vol. I of Elwood J. Thacher's "Thomas Thacher, Boston Branch" 1978

QUEEN CAMEL'S CHURCH PATH FUND NEARS TARGET



Some six hundred years ago a gang of workmen laid the cobble stones near the newly built church of St. Barnabas, Queen Camel. The road survived the following centuries intact and in good order until the arrival of our twentieth century lorries.

Modern transport achieved in 20 years what the passage of six hundred years of traffic had failed to do. As a result, this year, a gang of workmen and women (this time from the Manpower Services Commission) can be seen hauling and laying ancient cobble stones to restore the road in the village leading away from the now ancient church of St. Barnabas. The road is called Church Path, and its restoration has been paid for by the good villagers of Queen Camel whose fund raising efforts reach their climax this Saturday, June 14th.

£5,000 was the target when fund raising began in July 1985. The first event was a microwave oven demonstration given by Pauline Sharp, a villager whose front door opens onto the path. Since then there have been lectures on country furniture, given by Keith Robinson, a cabinet maker of the village. There have been successful bingo drives and raffles and there has been the sale of cobbles at £2 a time.

Under this scheme, you don't actually receive a stone, but you do get a certificate and your name will appear on a list of donors that is to hang in St. Barnabas Church, forever, or thereabouts.

In all, the village has so far managed to raise £4000 of the £5000 it needs and this Saturday they make their last big effort to raise the final £1000 to finish the job.

The day's events start with a flower festival in St. Barnabas Church at 10.30am then at 1 o'clock the church's famous bells are to be rung until 1.45pm. As the bells fall silent, King Arthur arrives from Camelot to open a Mediaeval Market held along the partly-restored mediaeval church path.

There are many other attractions, like a mediaeval bouncy castle for the youngsters, competitions for both young and old, including prizes for the best dressed man and woman in appropriate mediaeval costume. There are to be demonstrations of handbell ringing and country dancing and the day is rounded off with a barbecue from about 7pm.

If the weather is kind it should be a good day out for all the family with things to see, things to hear and things to buy, including those cobbles for a couple of quid. And a little piece of England's heritage will be saved.

THE GANG'S ALL HERE

St. Barnabas in Queen Camel benignly looks down on the road gang from the Manpower Services Commission, all local lads and lasses, refurbishing Church Path. Work started on the ancient road in January with the old cobbles being taken up and the footings dug to a depth of 2 feet. The gang are re-laying the old stones at a rate of 6-8 feet a day now that the weather has improved. They are disappointed that the only piece of treasure trove they have unearthed has been a Bristol Farthing. The Parish Council have had the brilliant idea of putting a time capsule (actually a couple of coffee tins) below the cobbles containing contemporary coins, including the pound and ephemera like a Wakes bus ticket, all designed to confound the men from Mars in AD 2086. My lips are sealed about the capsule's exact position below Church Path but no doubt the beautiful tower of St. Barnabas ("Son of Encouragement") will peep down through the trees to the new road for yet another few centuries.

QUERIES: Positive Data Wanted linking the Thachers of Queen Camel, Somerset with the Thachers of Ringmer &/or Priesthawes, Sussex.

JOHN[2] THACHER, uncle of Rev.[3]THOMAS THACHER, died in Queen Camel leaving an unsigned will and a widow, Rebecca, whose will, dated Aug. 20, 1662, was signed: "Rebeckha Thacher (seal of arms) her mark". The distinguishing seal is the same as that of the Thacher family of Sussex Co., England. (See JOHN[3] THACHER on p. 5, No. 3 of this issue, also "Thatcher of Ringmer" p.4, and HERALDRY p.6 & Issue I p.8) Write to the Editors.

Who was The Wife of Vicar PETER[1] THACHER of Queen Camel, Somerset? (The missing Parish Records of St. Barnabus Church could tell us so much! Somerset records are scant bef.1600) They married some time before 1587 and she died some time after 1592. The only clues we may have to her identity are the given names of her granddaughters:
Daus. of Rev. PETER[2]: Anne (probably named for her mother), Martha & Elizabeth.
Daus. of ANTHONY[2]: Edith, Mary (probably named for her mother), & Bethia.
Daus. of JOHN[2]: Rebecca (named for her mother), Ann, Elizabeth, Martha & unnamed dau.
Daus. of THOMAS[2]: Anne & Mary (possibly named for her mother). Write to the Editors.

We will be happy to print YOUR QUERIES in future issues, Free of Charge.

at left:
The Vicarage
St. Barnabus' Church
Queen Camel, Somerset
(Northwest View)

at right:
St. Barnabus' Church
Rev. Peter Thacher
Vicar 1574-1624

"Lovely village with an interesting history" THE WESTERN GAZETTE, 31st July, 1987

"Early one morning washerwoman Priscilla Petheram made her way to the washhouse of her Queen Camel cottage and saw a lion asleep on a pile of laundry! She ran to her husband, not a quick-witted man. "Co-o! is ur in the way?", he mustered after a minute. This is part of the story of The Camel Lion, handed down since the end of the 19th century when a traveling circus brought chaos one night to the peaceful farming village. The tale has been preserved in a book about Queen Camel by parish council clerk of 40 years, Gordon Moore. Gordon came to the village as a boy when his father was landlord of The Mildmay Arms, and is the greatest Camel devotee. "Its a lovely village. It has a history which I find interesting and it has character," he said."

Gordon Moore has played host to visiting Thacher descendants more than once. (See the articles on page 3). While in Queen Camel, Elwood J. Thacher of Winter Haven, Florida was interviewed for the above article in which he stated: "I am thrilled! Its a good feeling knowing you are in the same place where your family was 400 years ago. I've walked all the stones on the cobbled paths, thinking of them back in the 1600s when these ancestors of mine were going back and forth to church - it was quite exciting!"

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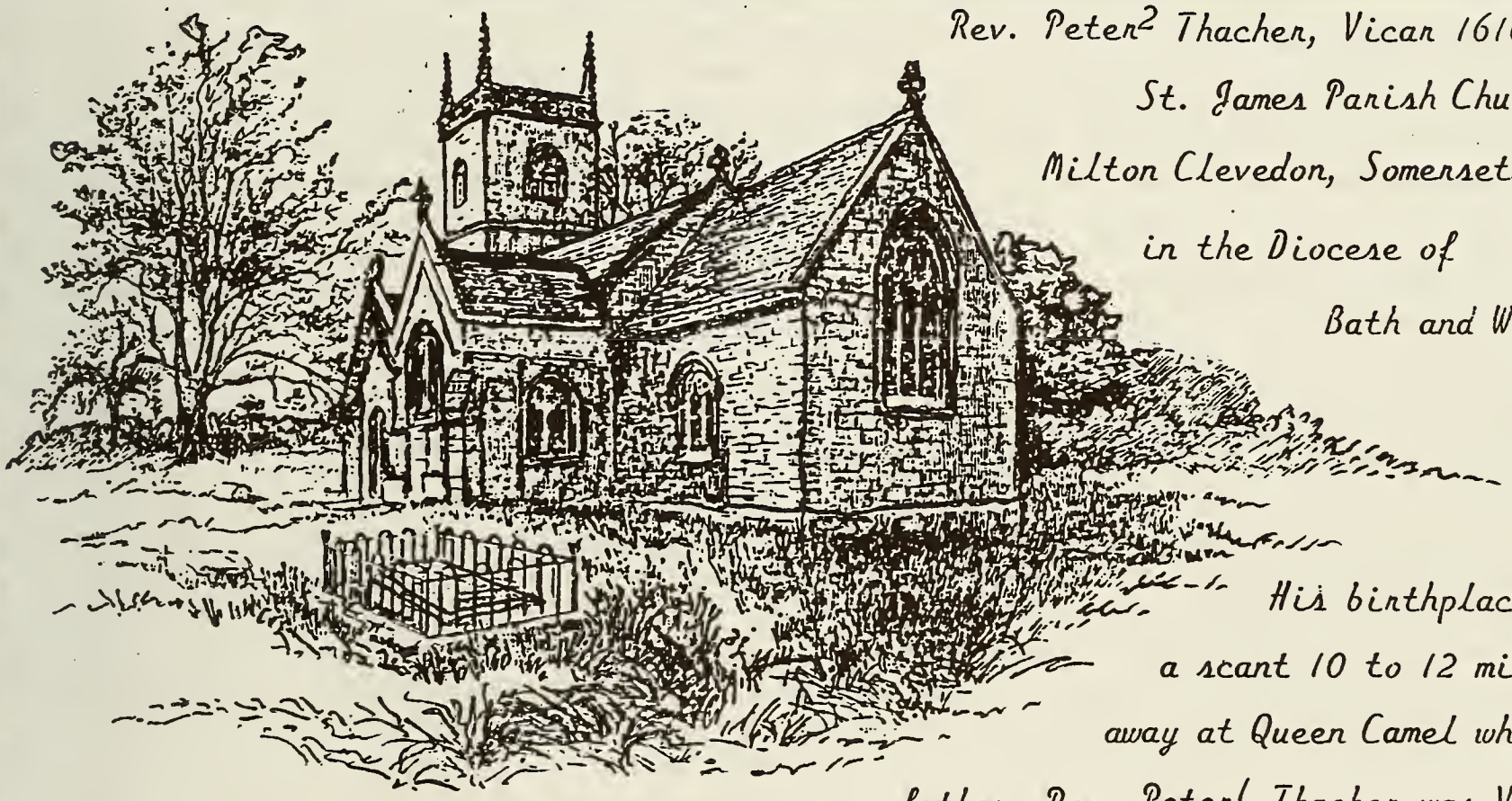


"THE CHURCH AT MILTON CLEVEDON"

Rev. Peter[2] Thacher, Vicar 1616-1623
St. James Parish Church
Milton Clevedon, Somersetshire
in the Diocese of
Bath and Wales

His birthplace was a scant 10 to 12 miles away at Queen Camel where his father, Rev. Peter[1] Thacher was Vicar of St. Barnabus' Church 1574-1624

"THE THACHER FAMILY"

Excerpts from a small 6 page book by The Hon. Peter Thacher, Boston, 1885

Rev. Peter Thacher, father of Rev. Thomas Thacher, first minister of the Old South, or Third Church of Boston, from the county of Somerset, was matriculated at Queen's College, Oxford, May 6, 1603, at the age of fifteen, by which it appears that he was born in 1588.

He was elected Scholar of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, on the Somerset Foundation, July 19, 1603. There he took his degree of B.A., Feb.4, 1608; and his Master's degree, Mar.14, 1611. He became Fellow of Corpus Christi College Mar. 20, 1613. He was married previous to 1615 to Anne [perhaps Allwood?]; for on June 12, 1615, his son John was born.

The illustrious Dr. Reynolds, for many years president of Corpus Christi College, who deceased in 1607, assigned in his will 35 volumes from his library to Peter Thacher.

Aug. 9, 1616, Mr. Thacher was instituted vicar of the parish of Milton Clevedon, Somersetshire, and remained in that office till the latter part of 1622 when he resigned it to accept the rectorship of the Church of St. Edmunds in Salisbury, Wiltshire. Cotton Mather states the birth of his son Thomas, already mentioned, to have occurred May 1, 1620, but is silent as to the locality. No birth record has been found, but his father's residence at Milton Clevedon is fair evidence that he was born there.

Continued from page 1... "The Thacher Family" by The Hon. Peter Thacher, Boston, 1885

The parish register of Milton Clevedon records the burial of his son John, June 13, 1622, at the age of seven. It also gives the baptism of his daughter Anne, as Feb. 17, 1622. Very few of the ancient records, however, are extant.

Upon a stone slab inserted in the outer wall of the east end of the main body of the church of Milton Clevedon, about seven feet from the ground, is an inscription in rhyme, to the memory of this son. It is well engraved in Roman capitals, and is perfectly legible.

PETER'S son, d. 1622

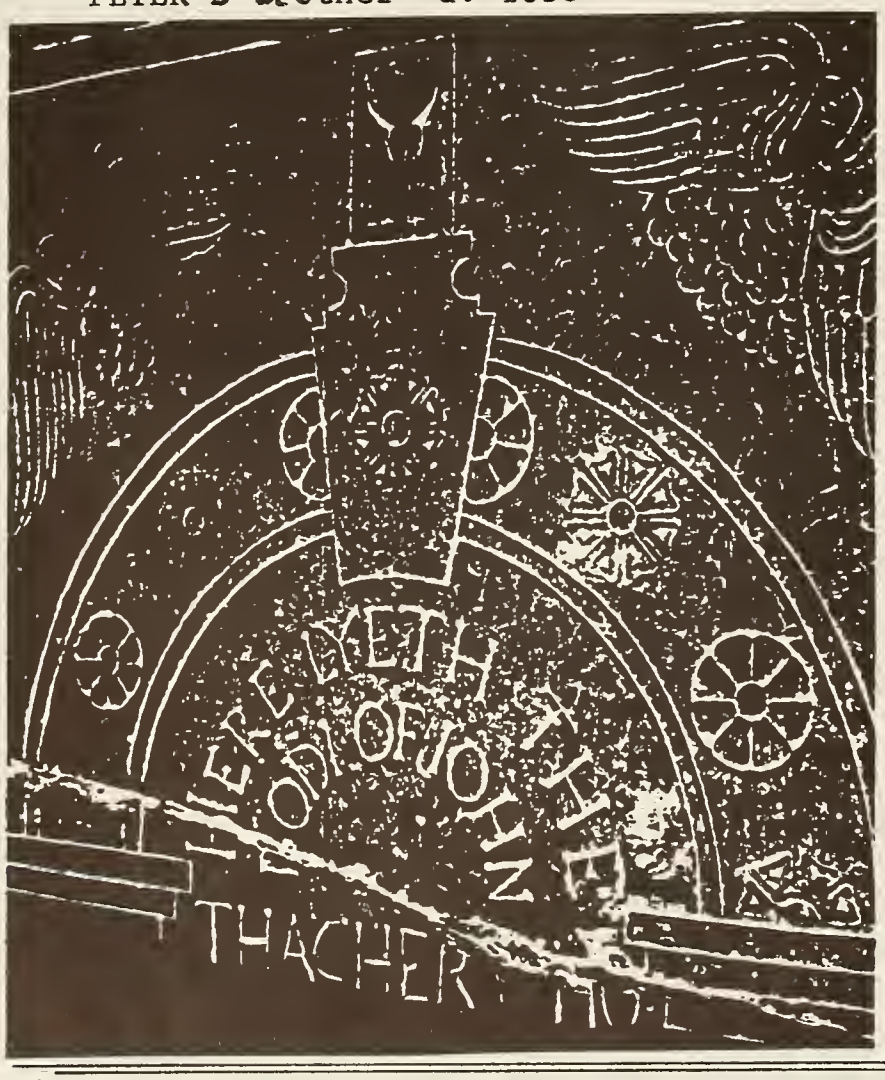
VNDER THAT STONE'S A CH
ILD WRAPT IN EARTH'S MOLD
FOR WHOM CANOT HIS PAR
ENTS GRIEFE BE TOLD.
IN WIT MOST RARE NOE
LESSE IN GRACE WAS HE
THE SOONER FIT WITH
CHRIST IN BLIS TO BE.
JOHN THACHER BORNE IV. 12. 1615

It is believed that this slab originally formed a part of the church floor, with other flat stones inscribed to the memory of persons interred beneath them; that when the old floor was removed and tiles substituted, as was done at some former period, the slabs containing such memorials were removed to the churchyard except this perhaps in part for the simple pathos of its inscription, and because it was in memory of a child of a former vicar was placed in the conspicuous position it now occupies.

This church is possibly of the time of Henry VII, tho it is believed that before the Norman conquest, there was a Christian church upon or near the present site.

It has been ascertained that a certain John Thacher, likewise from Somerset, was matriculated at Queen's College, Oct. 19, 1604, at the age of 13. The facts suggest that he was probably a brother of Peter Thacher, whose history we have been tracing. The register of matriculations styles this John was "the son of a clergyman". Rev. Peter² Thacher, who died at Salisbury in 1640, names in his will a brother John who survived him and may well have been his fellow-student at Oxford. In the middle aisle of the Church of Queen Camel, 12 miles away from Milton Clevedon, is a stone slab containing the burial inscription of this John Thacher.

PETER'S brother d. 1653



"The Thacher Family"
will be continued in the next issue.

from The Book of Ordination, 1578-1628:

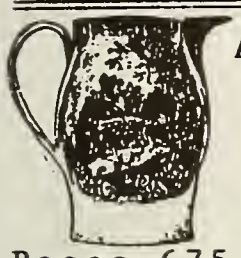
" Thatcher - Cameron - Peter Thatcher, Master of Arts, scholar of Christ Church College, Oxford, over twenty-four years of age, born in Queen Cameron, in the County of Somerset, recommended by letters of testimonial from the aforesaid College."

1612, June 7, Peter Thacher was ordained a deacon of the Church of England by the Rev. Father John King, Lord Bishop of London, in the Parish Church of Fulham, in the County of Middlesex, it being Trinity Sunday of that year.

His ordination is recorded in the Book of Ordination written in the quaint and abbreviated Latin of the scribes of those times.

1614, June 18, he was ordained a full priest of the Church of England by the same Rev. John King in the chapel of the manor of Fulham, County of Middlesex.

Pages 116-118 of Elwood J. Thacher's "Thomas Thacher - Boston Branch" Vol. I



Abstracts of Wills Relating to Early American Families,
with Genealogical Notes and Pedigrees
Constructed from the Wills and From Other Records
by Henry F. Waters, A.M. - 1907 - Volume I

Pages 675 & 676 "Genealogical Gleanings In England":

THOMAS THATCHER of Beckington, Somerset, 8 Jan. 1610, proved 13 June 161?. To certain poor persons in the parish of Beckington whom I particularly named to my executrix 20 shillings to be divided to said poor persons by the discretion of my overseers. For the better relieving of my uncle John Thatcher my executrix shall deliver into the hands of my brother Clement Thatcher a cow which is now in the custody of my brother in law Robert Keenell that, by the discretion of my brother Clement, she may be employed to the use of my said uncle during his natural life, and after his decease the said cow to remain to the use of his children.

My executrix shall, in like manner, deliver into the hands of my brother Clement one other cow, color black, for the better relieving of my aunt Elizabeth Thatcher, the use of it to her for life, and then to remain to the use of my said uncle John's children.

To Thomas Griffin ten shillings. To William Hillman twenty shillings. To Thomas Brambury 10 shillings. To my maidservant Mary Wattes twenty shillings. To Hester Thatcher, my brother William's daughter, one flock bed and one bolster, and one sheep. A conditional bequest to John Gallington son of brother in law John Gallington.

Item, my will is that if my brother Anthony Thatcher (who now is in the "seperation") do join the profession of true religion with any true church, that then my executrix within one whole year after he shall so have joined himself, either with the Dutch church, in which country he now liveth, or shall return to England and join with us, shall pay unto my said brother five pounds, which in token of brotherly love and affection, I give unto him.

The rest of my goods I give to Anne my wife whom I make executrix, and make my friend Toby Walkwood and brother Clement Thatcher overseers.

CLEMENT THATCHER of Merston Bigot, Somerset, yeoman, 13 Jan. 1629, proved 4 may 1639. I give the Church of Froome and Merston six shillings eight pence, to be equally divided, and to the poor of Froome five shillings and to the poor of Merston five shillings.

To my son Clement forty pounds, to be in the custody of Bridget my wife until he comes of the age of one and twenty, she, the said Bridget continuing in my name, and not otherwise, it then to be ordered and disposed of by my overseers.

I give unto Thomas my son twenty pounds and to Hannah my daughter twenty pounds and to Mary and Joane my daughters twenty pounds apiece.

To William Thatcher my kinsman five pounds and to his sisters Alice and Jane forty shillings apiece. To Thomas Thatcher my kinsman Hatton twenty shillings.

To all my God children an ewe and a lamb, or six shillings eight pence in money, at the discretion of my executor.

To my brother Gallington's children an ewe and a lamb apiece and to my brother William Thatcher's children an ewe and a lamb apiece, and to my brother Anthony, which is beyond the sea, forty shillings, and to his two children ten shillings apiece.

To Thomas my son my chattel lease of the house in the field and five acres of ground thereunto belonging. Two other chattel leases in Filton and Mr. Cable's land, that which wa lately in the tenure of Elizabeth Hipstonn, shall remain to Clement my son &c. Wife Bridget to be executrix and brother William Thatcher and brother John Gallington overseers.

A note from the Editor: Do not confuse these Somerset Thatchers with our Thachers of Queen Camel, Milton Clevedon, and Salisbury as past researchers have done. See note by Henry F. Waters on the next page:

Page 767 "Genealogical GIeanings in England":

CLAREE THATCHER of Woolsackaller in Houndsditch, St. Buttolph's without Aldgate, London, widow 9 April 1656, proved 19 April 1656.

To my loving sister Mary Langham, wife of Richard Langham, twenty gilders sterling money. To my loving friend and brother in the faith Anthony Trayford, five pounds of lawful money of England. To my nurse Margery Beale forty shillings. To Eleanor Shilcock twenty shillings.

To my daughter Sarah Hancocke, wife of Robert Hancocke of Amsterdam, silk dyer, the sum of five shillings and no more.

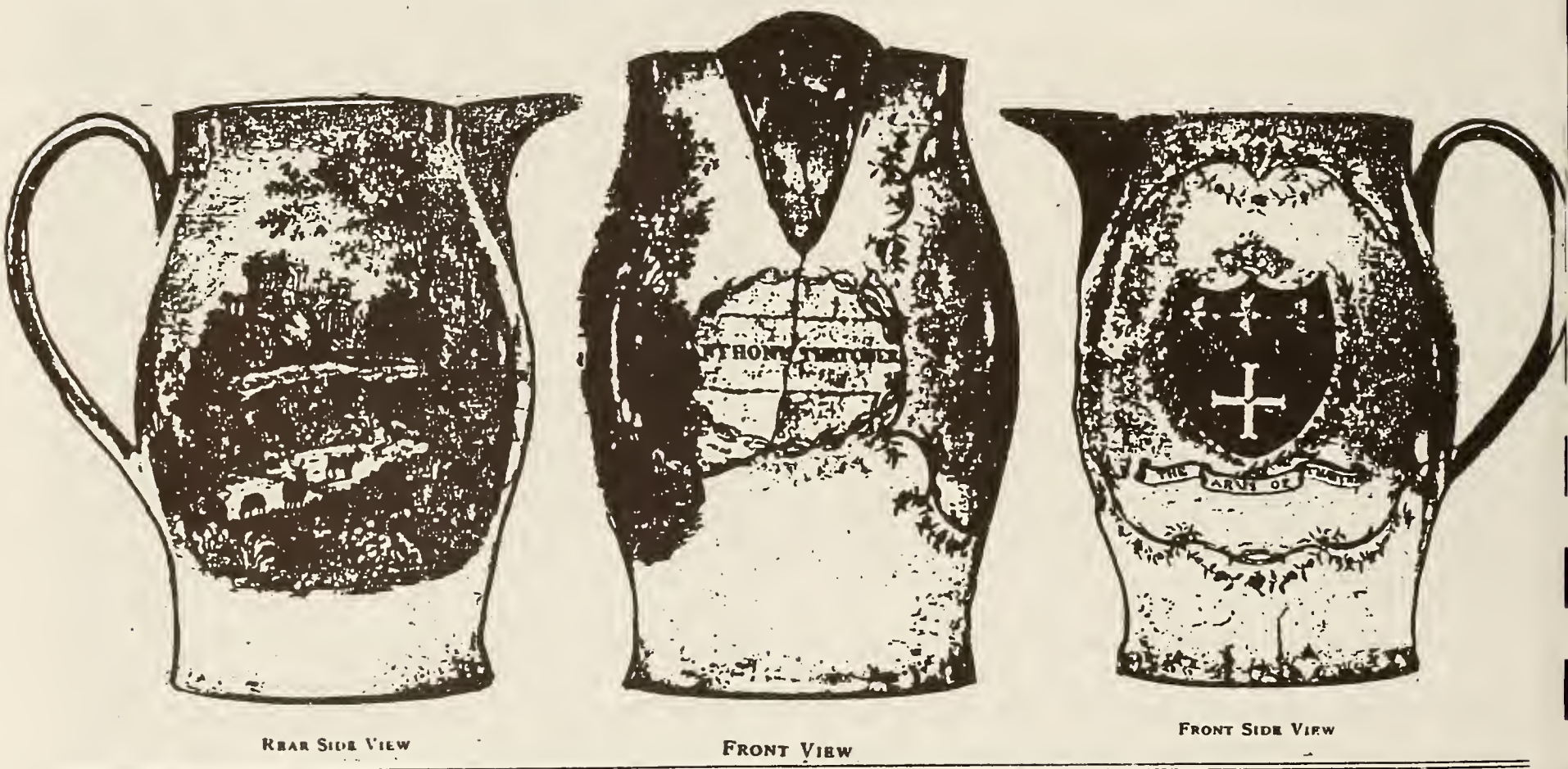
All which legacies my desire is shall be paid unto the several and respective legatees aforesaid within six months next after the death or departure out of this mortal life of me the said Claree Thatcher.

I give, will and bequeath unto Mary Moody daughter of James Moody of Stepney, mariner, a debt of forty shillings due unto me from her said father.

All the rest and residue of my goods &c. to my loving son Humble Thatcher, whom I ordain and make sole executor &c.

[I would suggest that the testatrix of the above will was the widow of Anthony Thatcher referred to by his brother Thomas as "in the Seperation" (see REG. vol. 47, p. 131, ante, p. 676). The rather odd name Clarey (Claree), the bequest of twenty "gilders", the reference to a friend as a "Brother in the fayth", and to a son-in-law as "of Amsterdam", all seem to show this. Let me say, too, that I have had the references to Thatcher wills already printed, for nearly ten years, and only refrained from publishing them long ago for the reason that I felt so extremely doubtful as to the identity of Anthony Thatcher. I could not believe that the Anthony Thatcher who was "in the Seperation" was our man who was wrecked off Cape Ann. HENRY F. WATERS.]

From the Editor: I found the repetition of names in these records fascinating: John Thomas and Anthony, in the same locale as our descendants of Rev. Peter[1] Thacher! Mr. Waters also included wills of the Oxenbridge family connected with our Thachers in New England viz. Theodora Oxenbridge who married Rev. Peter[4] Thacher of Milton. The name "Clement" appears in these records we will explore in a future issue.
The will of Rev. Peter[2] Thacher will be included in the next issue, No. 4 of the Thacher Quarterly as our research takes us to Salisbury in Wiltshire, England.



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BELOW: Detail Map of Somerset & Dorset

GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND.

by Henry F. Waters, M.A. 1907

A note by Peter Thacher of Newton, Mass.p. 478:

A word as to the record spelling of Peter Thacher's surname. There can be no doubt that the signature of the original will was spelled as he invariably spelled it, so far as is known, without the middle "t." The writer has in his possession photographs of original signatures of his, so spelled, and the records of his parish are full of his signatures, so spelled. He was settled in 1616 over the Parish Church of Milton, Clevedon, Somersetshire, and an inscription upon a stone in the wall of that church to the memory of his deceased child, *John*, contains the name THACHER. Why, then, it may be asked, did the scrivener who wrote the will, or the clerk who recorded it, spell it otherwise. Unquestionably from carelessness in one or both. A distinguished historian and antiquary, in Winsor's "Memorial History of Boston," has spelled the name both ways, in the same article, on the same page. Anthony, brother of Peter, always spelled his name, also, with one "t."

The leaders of St. Edmunds Parish in Salisbury were Puritans, and a disagreement having arisen, in consequence, with their minister, Hugh Williams, he resigned in 1621 or 1622. These leaders having fixed upon Mr. Thacher as Mr. Williams's successor, he was invited to that parish by repeated, urgent votes of the vestry. He finally resigned the vicarage of Milton Clevedon, and Feb. 23, 1622-3, he was instituted rector of St. Edmunds, Salisbury, by the then Bishop of Sarum, JOHN DAVENANT, who favored the Puritans. He continued rector, to the great acceptance of his parishioners, until his death, Feb. 19, 1640-1. He was harassed, more or less, during this period, by Archbishop Laud, because of his Puritanism.

It has been generally supposed that the Anthony named in the wills of Thomas and Clement as their brother, and as being out of the realm, was the same Anthony, brother of Rev. Peter, who is mentioned in his will. The writer, however, for various reasons, doubts the correctness of this hypothesis, notwithstanding a pedigree of the Thacher family, furnished many years since by officials of the College at Arms in London, to the late Hon. J. S. B. Thacher of Natchez, Miss., assumes Thomas, Clement, Peter, and the Anthony of Peter's will, to have been brothers. The extract from the Public Record Office in London, which Mr. Waters appends to his abstracts of the three wills, places the matter, it seems, beyond controversy. We there find, Oct. 31, 1631, an Anthony Thacher, 65 years of age, dwelling at Leyden, with his wife *Clarey*. Now Anthony Thacher, brother of Rev. Peter, so celebrated for his graphic and pathetic description of the awful shipwreck on Thacher's Island, Aug. 15, 1635, when he and his wife were the sole survivors of the vessel's crew and passengers, numbering twenty-three, and who was afterwards one of the three founders of Yarmouth, Mass., never had a wife "Clarey." His first wife, Mary, died at Salisbury, July 26, 1634, while he was serving his brother Peter as curate at St. Edmunds, which office he held several years. (In the record of his wife's death, in the parish register, he has the title of "Clerk" or clergyman.) *Elizabeth Jones* became his second wife only six weeks before she embarked for New England, on or about April 6, 1635, with her husband and four of his children, one (Benjamin) having been left behind in the care of his brother Peter, because of his tender age. They were accompanied by Thomas, then 15 years of age, son of Peter, afterwards first pastor of the Old South Church of Boston, and who preferred a tramp through the woods from Ipswich, the place of embarkation, to the water trip, having, says *Cotton Mather*, "such a strong and sad impression upon his mind about the issue of the voyage, that he, with another, would needs go the journey by land." (See 1 Mag. 442. Hartford ed. of 1820.) Anthony died Aug. 22, 1667, aged about 80 (see Freeman's History of Cape Cod), which would require his birth to have occurred in 1587. He could hardly have attained that age, however, as Peter, for good reasons, believed to have been the elder, was born in 1588. If we assume that Anthony was eighty in 1667, he would have been forty-four in 1631, when the Anthony of the Public Record Office was sixty-five. Anthony, the brother of Peter, had received a good education, wrote a very handsome hand, and expressed himself with ease, correctly, with force and perspicuity, and sometimes, eloquently. Yet the most persevering researches have failed to discover the place of his education. It has been surmised that he may have received his education from his brother Peter.

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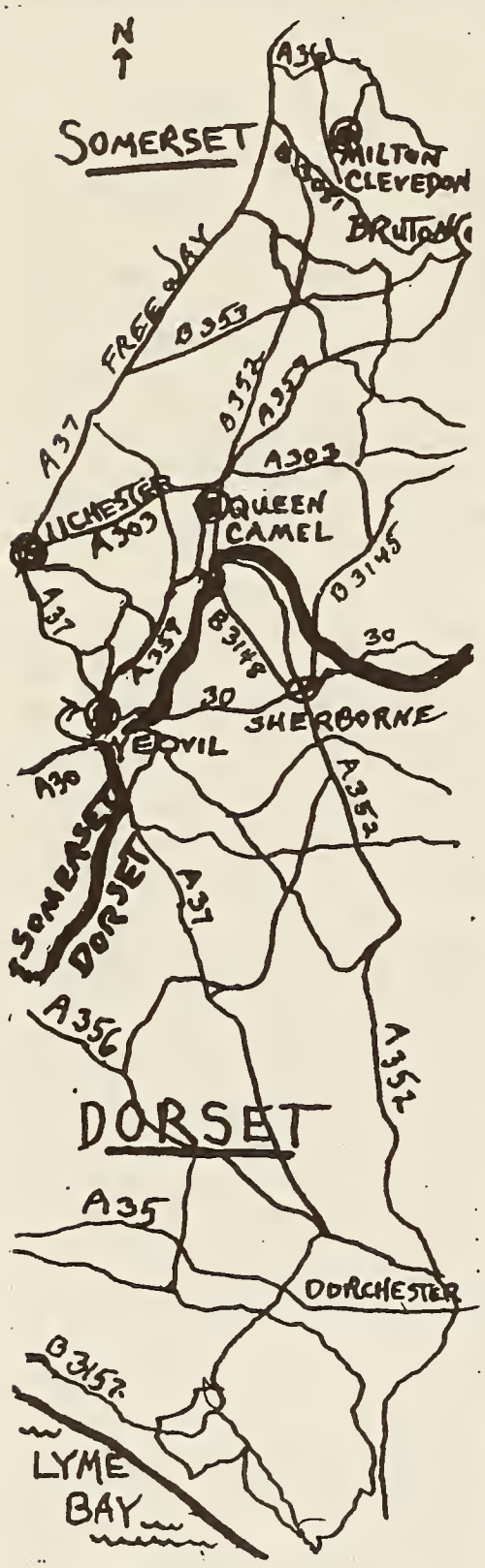


Simplified Map drawn by Editor shows Milton Clevedon & Queen Camel, Somerset with Dorset & Lyme Bay as Reference Points.

It will be observed that in neither of the wills of Thomas and Clement is there any reference to a brother Peter, or a sister Anne, which can hardly be accounted for if the two latter, indeed, bore such relation to the two former.

The *John Thacher*, son of Peter, named in his will, being the second son of that name, was interred Sept. 1, 1673. Administration was granted on his estate Nov. 10, 1673. He was a *chirurgeon*. All the children named in the will, except *Samuel*, *Paul* and *Barnabas*, of whom the testator speaks as his "three youngest sons," were the children of his first wife, Anne, whose burial is recorded March 26, 1634. In those days baptism usually succeeded the birth within a day or two, and sometimes took place on the day of birth. Martha was baptized Nov. 30, 1623; Elizabeth, Jan. 29, 1625-6; John, Feb. 3, 1627-8. Mr. Thacher was married to his second wife, *Alice Batt*, a sister of Christopher Batt, named in his will as his "*brother in law*," about April 14, 1635. The record of this marriage has not been discovered, but the *marriage allegation*, recorded in the Diocesan Register at Salisbury, is as follows:

"April 14, 1635. Personally appeard Richard White of St. Thomas, in Sarum, Grocer, and he craves License for marriage between Peter Thacher, Clarke, Master of Arts, Parson of St. Edmunds, in Sarum, and a widower, and Alice Batt of St. Edmunds, in Sarum, Spinster, aged 30 years, or thereabouts, and alleged that, to his knowledge, there is noe impediment, either in respect to consanguinity, affinity, former contract, or otherwise, but that they may lawfully marry together, and that her parents are both dead, and of the truth thereof he offereth to make faith."

Francis Dove, the author of the inscription on Peter Thacher's tomb, signed "F. D.," was one of his principal parishioners, and a Churchwarden of St. Edmunds during the greater part of his incumbency. Francis Dove was of the order of the *gentry*. He was held in the highest esteem in Salisbury, and was a man of pure morals and of sterling integrity. He was twice mayor of that metropolitan city. His brothers, John and Henry, also in turn held that responsible office. Francis was the "very loving friend" of his minister, and married his widow, Alice (Batt) Thacher, Oct. 19, 1641. The "loving brother in law," Richard Alwood, appointed with Francis Dove "overseers" of the will, married Elizabeth Batt, a sister of Alice, Jan. 29, 1640-1. Mr. Thacher deceased Feb. 19, 1640-1.

Alice and Elizabeth Batt were sisters of Christopher Batt, above mentioned. The testator also speaks of his "sister Anne Batt," to whom, with his "wife's four sisters, Elizabeth, Margery, Mary and Dorothy," he gives five shillings each, "to make them rings as a remembrance of my (his) love to them." The fact that he calls Anne, wife of Christopher Batt, his sister—said Christopher being his brother-in-law—has led to the belief that she was his own sister. But as Christopher was the brother of Mr. Thacher's wife, and thus the former became the latter's brother-in-law, and as there is no evidence, outside of this will, that Mr. Thacher ever had a sister Anne, and as it appears by the record at St. Edmunds that Christopher Batt married another person, it has been inferred that the testator called Anne Batt his *sister* out of courtesy merely. In the Bishop of Sarum's Books, under date of Oct. 10, 1629, there is recorded an "allegation of marriage" between Christopher Batt, tanner, aged 26 years, and Anne Baynton, Spinster, aged 26 years. October 12, 1629, there is found in the Parish Register of St. Edmunds a record of their marriage. There is no evidence that said Christopher was married a second time. The record of the births of his children tends to show that their mother was Anne (Baynton) Batt. He emigrated to New England with his family in 1638. His wife Anne survived him.

The will of *Paul*, one of the three yonngest sons of Peter Thacher, baptized July 22, 1638, interred Sept. 16, 1678, and that of the son of Paul, *Anthony Hillary Thacher*, baptized Nov. 4, 1671, interred Nov. 25, 1692, allowed and recorded in the court of the Sub Dean of Sarum, are now to be found in Somerset House, London. Paul inherited from his mother a large real estate.

PETER THACHER, *of West Newton, Mass.*

In the Next THACHER QUARTERLY, Autumn Issue, No. 4:
Rev. Peter[2] Thacher, Rector and his brother, Anthony[2] Thacher, Curate St. Edmund's Church, Salisbury, Wiltshire, England

* Note on pages 5 & 6 is enlarged from the original in "Genealogical Gleanings in England"

REV. PETER[2] THACHER (1587/8 - 1640/1), resided at Queen Camel, Somerset til 1603; at Oxford to about 1616; at Milton Clevedon, Somerset until 1622/3; and at Salisbury in Wiltshire Co. ("Wilts") until his death in 1640/41.

He married 1st Anne (Alwood?), who died 1634 & was buried in the churchyard of St. Edmunds Church, where his tomb can still be seen.

They had seven children: 4 sons & 3 daughters - the birthplace of John & Peter is not certain; Thomas & Ann were born at Milton Clevedon; Martha, Elizabeth & John (2nd) at Salisbury.

JOHN[3] THACHER born June or July 12, 1615; died June 1622 at Milton Clevedon, age 7

PETER[3] THACHER born c1616 & died after 1641, may have accompanied his uncle Anthony on the ship, James 1635 to America disguised as "Peter Higdon, his servant". In 1641, a Peter Thacher is recorded in Massachusetts as having run away from Anthony Thacher and in 1641/2 as "plotting piracy". Mentioned in his father's will. No further record.

THOMAS[3] THACHER born May 1, 1620 at Milton Clevedon; died Oct. 15, 1678 Boston, Mass. Married 1st Elizabeth Partridge 1643 (3 sons, 1 dau.); married 2nd abt. 1665 Margaret Webb Sheaffe of Boston. Was 1st minister of Old South Meeting House, Boston.

ANNE[3] THACHER, baptized Feb. 17, 1622 Milton Clevedon was living in 1640/41.

MARTHA[3] THACHER, baptized Nov. 30, 1623 at St. Edmunds Church, Salisbury, Wilts and married July 17, 1649 at St. Martin's to Richard Pelham (or Parham). No death record.

ELIZABETH[3] THACHER, baptized Jan. 29, 1625/6 at St. Edmunds, Salisbury, was living in 1640/41 at the reading of her father's will. No death record.

JOHN[3] THACHER, baptized Feb. 3, 1627/8 at St. Edmunds, Salisbury and died 1673 at Salisbury. He was a "chirurgeon" (surgeon). He "died very poor".

REV. PETER[2] THACHER married 2nd at Salisbury in 1635 to Alice Batt (c1604-c1669), daughter of Thomas Batt, Gentleman 91571-1632) & wife, Joane Byley (d/o Henry & Alice).

SAMUEL[3] THACHER, baptized Jan 1, 1635/6 at St. Edmunds, Salisbury & died age 10 at Salisbury about Mar. 22, 1646.

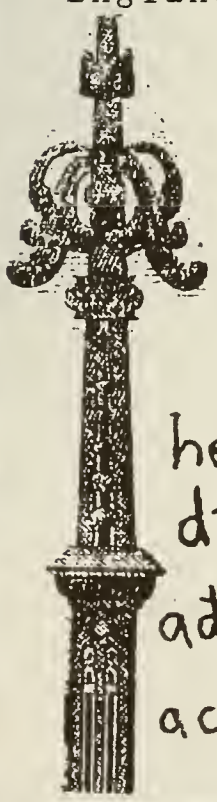
PAUL[3] THACHER, baptized July 22, 1638 at St. Edmunds, Salisbury; died Sept. 1678. He was a grocer on Milford St., Salisbury & married Mary. Their children:

Peter[4] Thacher b. 1688; living 1692

Anthony[4] Hillary Thacher b. 1671; d. 1692

BARNABUS[3] THACHER, baptized Aug. 3 (or 30th) 1640 at St. Edmunds, Salisbury; died about May 9th, 1641.

Our Thachers of the late 1500's and early 1600's spoke an early form of Modern English - prior to that (c1450) Middle English was spoken in England. Here, printed in Old English (c1050), is "The Lord's Prayer"



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QUERIES: GEORGE AUGUSTUS THATCHER of Bangor, Maine was a relative of Henry David Thoreau, mentioned as one of his companions on a trip thru "The Maine Woods" in a footnote in Chapter 12, page 217 by compiler, Dudley C. Lunt:
"The identity of the "two more Bangoreans" has eluded investigation. Thoreau's relative George Augustus Thatcher was the husband of his cousin, Rebecca Jane Billings. Her sister, Mary Ann Thoreau Billings married Caleb Lowell also of Bangor. They were daughters of his aunt, Nancy Thoreau Billings. In characteristic vein, Thoreau referred to his Bangor relations as "the Penobscot tribe"."
Please write to the Editor with any info on this George A. Thatcher's ancestry.

EDITOR LOSES TRACK OF THACHER DESCENDANT, MR. WIB COOK of 3064 Hawthorne Ave., Ogden, Utah 84403, with whom she began correspondence in 1983 - 1989/90 letters were returned! Mr. Cook placed a Query in a Knights Templer publication which appeared in April 1983: "Am seeking info relative to my family tree: my grandfather, Winthrop Hugh Cook was born in 1856 at Brockport, N.Y., son of Samuel Cook, b. 1812 in N.Y. My grandmother, Olivia Thacher Cook is said to have been a direct desc't. of Thomas Thacher, 1st minister of the Old South Church in Boston 1669. However, we have not traced beyond her great grandfather, James Thacher of the New England states, who was father of Theron Thacher b. 1800, in N.H., and who traveled by ox team in 1818 to Chautauqua Co., N.Y."
Mr. Cook was also seeking Masonic records of his grandfather Cook, above and of his great grandfather John Titsworth Quinn of Arkansas. WRITE to the Editor!

New subscriber, John Thacher of San Jose, CA and a desc't. of Anthony Thacher, asks "Are we [Thachers] not truly Scots, and not English?"
We hope to hear comments on this and any other theories! Please write!

Has anyone visited ROSEMOUNT VICTORIAN HOUSE MUSEUM at Pueblo, Colorado, built by a HENRY C. THATCHER? He was born in PA 1807 and d. 1886.- married Lydia 1835 with 5 children born in PA. Ancestry??? (Editor has written to request brochures!)

THE SAINTS OF OUR CHURCHES IN ENGLAND

ST. BARNABUS, Apostle of the 1st century, was a companion of Paul and of Mark, his relative, missionaries amongst the Gentiles. He was a jew of the tribe of Levi, said to have been martyred at Cyprus. One of the oldest Christian writings is attributed to Barnabus. Feast Day: June 11 (old style calendar) [St. Barnabus' Church, Queen Camel]

ST. EDMUND, King of East Anglia (from 855) was martyred by the Danes in 869, for his adherence to Christianity. His shrine was at Bury St. Edmund's at Suffolk West in East England where the ruins of St. James Cathedral are located. Feast Day: Nov. 20 [St. Edmund's Church, Salisbury]

ST. JAMES The Less, first bishop of Jerusalem, son of Alpheus & Mary, and a kinsman of Jesus - was regarded as the author of the Epistle of James. Feast Day: May 1 [St. James Church, Milton Clevedon] "A History of the Christian Church" by Williston Walker, 1937 p. 24-28 (Barnabus p. 27-29) "The Columbia Encyclopedia", Bridgewater & Kurtz, 1950: James, p. 1065; Edmund, p. 627; Barnabus, p. 167 & p. 522 of "Butler's Lives of the Saints" 1962.

* Please note that Cousin Jerry Corwin (desc't. of BOTH Anthony & Rev. Thomas Thacher!), has consented to compile a Thacher Computer Record (of records sent with New Subscriber Forms free of charge - additional records at $5 per half-page), and address labels.

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Rev. Peter[2] Thachen, Rector 1622-1640

During the latter years of the service of Rev. Peter Thacher as Vicar of Milton Clevedon he received overtures from the Vestry of St. Edmund's in Salisbury to accept a call to that parish. His immediate predecessor at St. Edmund's resigned his pastorate on account of disagreement with the congregation, which was a strongly Puritanical organization.

19th January, 1622 (1623 New Style Calendar) "At this Vestry it is agreed, with full consent that the matter agreed upon touching Mr. Thacher's coming shall proceed; and if it may be possible to be effected Mr. Thacher shall be placed here and be vested in our church as our Minister before Shrove Sunday next (the annual meeting of the Vestry). From St. Edmund's Church Record Book No. 2, extracted in 1830.

There was much controversy and litigation in the 17th century in regard to the proprietorship of the patronage of the Rectory of St. Edmund's. The right of bestowal of the living was claimed by the feoffees as held by them by deed of trust, and was not the gift of an individual. These feoffees were Puritans and would not accept as Rector anyone who was not in agreement with them in matters religious. It was on account of his distinct Puritan tendency that Rev. Peter Thacher received his call to St. Edmund's.

As a result of this controversy it seems that the incumbent Rector had to be supported by voluntary contributions of the parish, and did not receive the regular stipend which had there been no controversy, would have attached itself to the office. Continued...

From page 1: It was undoubtedly due to this question of emolument that so long a period of time was required to induce Rev. Peter Thacher to accept the call of the Vestry of St. Edmund's and thereby give up his regular Ecclesiastical holding at Milton Clevedon.

An agreement was finally made and Rev. Peter Thacher was regularly instituted at St. Edmund's on Feb. 23, 1622/3, his patron being Bishop Davenant, Lord Bishop of Salisbury at that time. The record of this institution (recorded in Latin) shows that Rev. Thacher received his office "by grace", i.e. as a favor, at the hands of Bishop Davenant, a strong hint at the controversy existing between the feoffees and the church government; the appointment being evidently a compromise on the part of the contending factions.

Rev. Peter Thacher remained in office as Rector of St. Edmund's the rest of his life. His daughter, Martha, is the first of his children recorded as being born at Salisbury in the parish register Nov. 30, 1623. In the same Register the baptisms are recorded of all of his children born at Salisbury by both of his wives. His first wife, Anne died at Salisbury about March 23, 1634 and was buried from St. Edmund's Church. It is a tradition of early origin in the American history of the family that Rev. Thacher had in mind to emigrate to New England on account of his Puritan faith, but the death of his first wife disturbed these plans and they were never carried out. (See children on p. 7, Issue 3)

14th April, 1635: "A license was granted Rev. Peter Thacher to marry again, and a copy of this license is to be found in Salisbury Records. His 2nd wife was "spinster" Alice Batt, aged 30 years. Their first of 3 sons was born 1636/7. Church Warden, Francis Dove, Peter's "warm & chosen friend", a widower, married widow, Alice (Batt) Thacher after Peter's death.

All during the incumbency of Rev. Peter Thacher at St. Edmund's there was constant friction between him and the ecclesiastical authorities of the cathedral church on account of the Puritanism, it being evident that neither he nor his congregation were sufficiently in accord with the church powers of that day to induce them to conform any more than was absolutely necessary to the then established rules of the church. This resulted in formal complaints being made against Rev. Peter Thacher to the Bishop of Salisbury to which he finally replied in a letter, the original of which is still preserved.

13th January, 1637: "To the Right Reverend Father in God, the Lord Bishop of Sarum: Certain reasons for which I do in all humility supplicate and entreat your Lordship that I may not be enforced either to publish in the congregation, or promice obedience to an order lately made by the Right Worshipfull Dr. Lynne concerning the time of beginning prayer at St. Edmund's Church."

"I never promiced to observe this order, contrary to an order formerly made by your Lordship, but also it would be to me very inconvienient, which when I began to allege by his, the Vicar General's permission, it pleased him to command me to silence in these words: "Mr. Thacher, speak no more of it, for I will have it so."

"I never violated or neglected the order in any contempt of ecclesiastical authority or jurisdiction, as is here indicated."

"I never used any plot by long and tedious sermons as is here pretended, to circumvent or hinder any time from coming to hear sermons in the Cathedral Church. I obtained your Lordship's allowance to do something by way of catachising on Sunday mornings for such of my parish that could not come to the Cathedral Church and there are very many, and continued in that course until the afternoon's sermons were commanded to be turned into catachising. Then, in obedience to that order, I began catachising in the afternoon and preaching in the morning. And this course I have continued with as much care as I could not give offense to any.

" I consider this order of Mr. Chancellor is impossible to be observed without putting down my sermon in the morning altogether. For the order is that morning prayer shall begin after eight, and the prayer and sermon after that shall not extend longer than till the great bell shall be rung for warning to the sermon at the Cathedral Church at 9 o'clock, is in truth to order that there shall be no sermon at all."

"I cannot with good conscience read this order in the congregation." The reading would interrupt the service and would be interpreted as an acknowledgement if guilt.

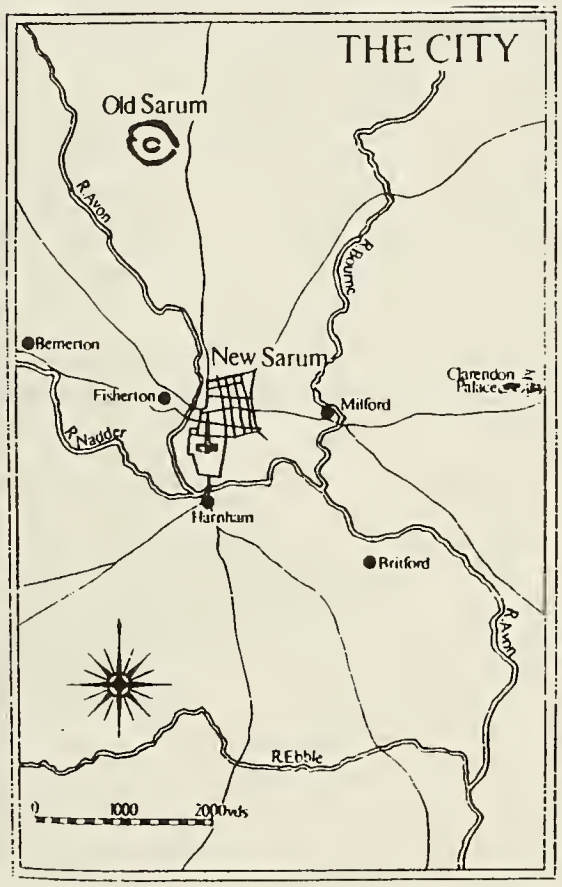
"Whereas the order requires that we notify within a time therein of the publication and of obedience and submission to the order, I do in all humble manner intreat that I may not be made to make such promice without some investigation of the order, it being impossible to be kept without putting down morning excercises and sometimes excercises in the afternoon, which I think I cannot do without sin, who am willing to yield all obedience to the Lord.

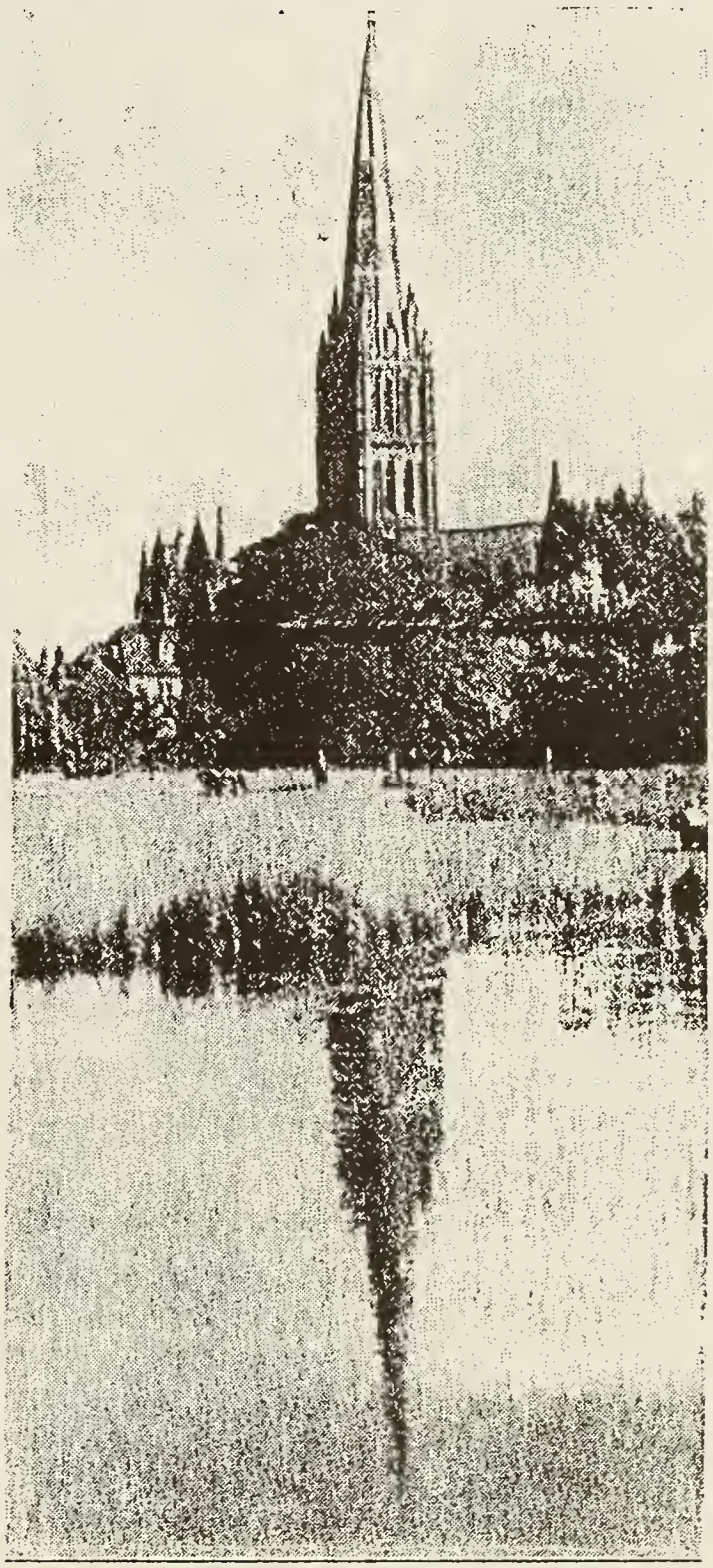
Peter Thacher, the unworthiest of all God's servants."

8 point letter summarized from the original in E.J. Thacher's Vol. I, pages 132-135.

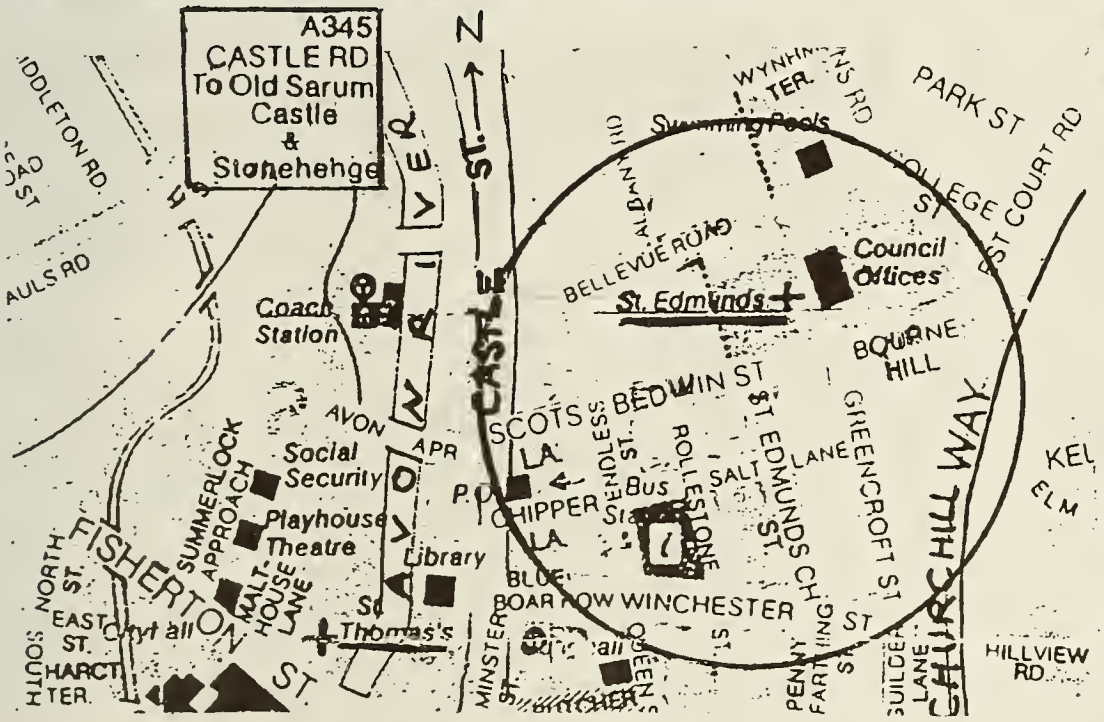
SALISBURY

A 'new town' that was built in the 13th century





The River Avon and Cathedral.



SALISBURY or, *"New Sarum"*, is a municipal borough, county town of Wiltshire, South England. It originated with the transfer of the bishopric from OLD SARUM in 1220. Squares or "checkers" are characteristic of the regular plan of the city. The great cathedral, a splendid example of early English architecture with the highest spire in England (404 ft.), was built mainly between 1220 and 1260, some of the materials being brought from the razed cathedral of Old Sarum. The 13th century palace of the bishops and churches of St. Martin, St. Thomas & St. Edmund and Salisbury museums are of interest. St. Edmund's, the church served by Rev. Peter[2] Thacher from 1622-1641, is now a community center.

Salisbury Cathedral is of interest to descendants of Rev. Peter[4] Thacher (1651-1727) and his wife, Theodora Oxenbridge Thacher. Through her ancestry, we are descended from some of the kings of England, including Henry II via a legitimate line and an illegitimate line! The Earl of Salisbury, William Longspee 1176-1225/6, illegitimate son of Henry & "Fair Rosamonde"de Clifford, was the benefactor of Salisbury Cathedral, and laid foundation stones in 1220. William is buried there and his effigy, a fine early example still survives.

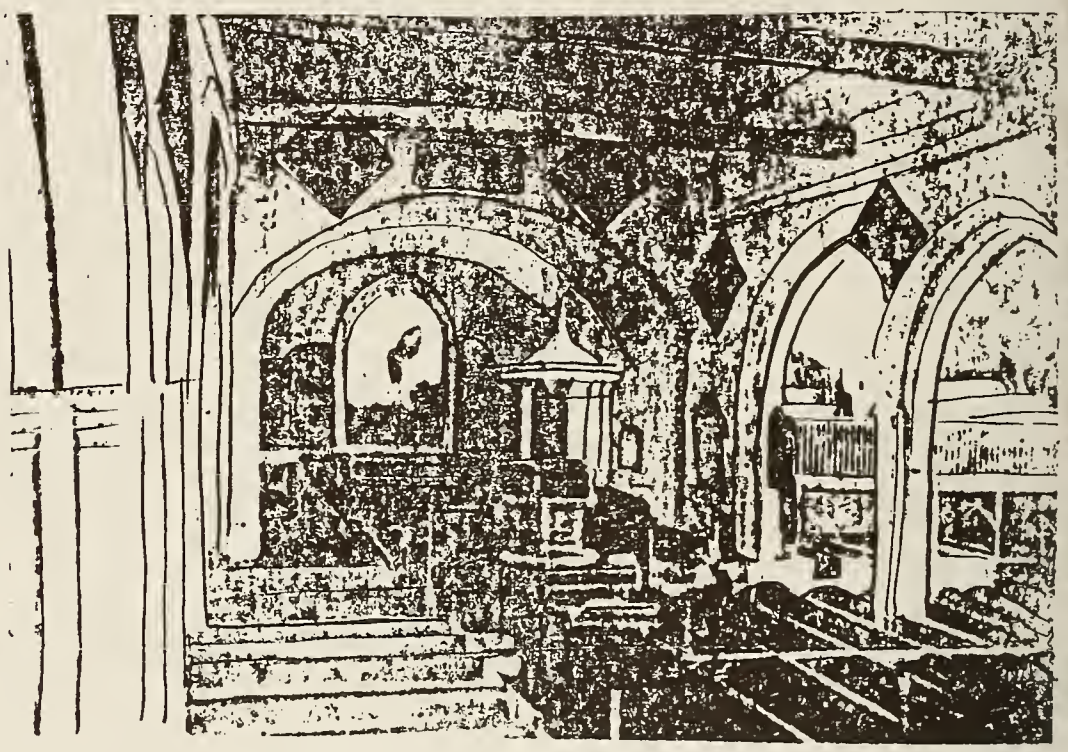
"ANTONY" [2] THACHER, was born in Queen Camel, Somerset in 1588/9. We have no distinct record of his birth as the parish register of St. Barnabas' Church is no longer in existance, and the earliest date in the Diocesan Transcript at Wells is 1601. His father Rev. Peter[1] Thacher was vicar at Queen Camel and his elder brother, Rev. Peter[2] Thacher was born there c1587. As Antony was curate under his brother, Rev. Peter[2] at St. Edmund' it has always been conjectured that he was younger. It is a matter of early family record that Antony died in Yarmouth, Mass. in 1667 aged about 80 years, placing the date of his birth as 1588/9. The first absolute record we have of him is the record of baptism of his daughter, Edith, at Queen Camel on Feb. 7, 1621/2, by her grandfather.

No record has been found to prove that Antony Thacher was a college graduate, though he was always regarded as a man of literary attainments. He may have prepared for the ministry under his father, or at college, and then may have served as curate at Queen Camel, until his father's death in 1624, and subsequently acted in the same capacity under his brother at St. Edmund's of Salisbury.

The parish register No. 2 of St. Edmund's with records previous to 1630 has been missing from custody of the parish for many years. In this book would appear the record of the first appearance of Antony at St. Edmund's. In the parish register No. 3 there appear numerous entries made by him over his signature during the years 1630, 1631 and 1634, after which his name disappears from the Register.

Who his first wife, Mary, was we do not know, nor the place and date of their marriage, nor her parentage. The marriage may have taken place previous to 1620. An entry for 1634, Apr. 27th; "Benjamine, sone of Antony and Mary Thacher, borne on Sunday ye 13th day between the hours of one and two o'clock in the morning, was baptized the 27th day of the same month of April 1634. 1634 - July 26th, Mary wife of Antony Thacher, cleric, was buried."

Shortly after his first wife's death Antony Thacher must have made up his mind to emigrate to New England for we find that he embarked for New England from Southhampton April 5th, 1635 on the ship, "James" of London, bound for America.



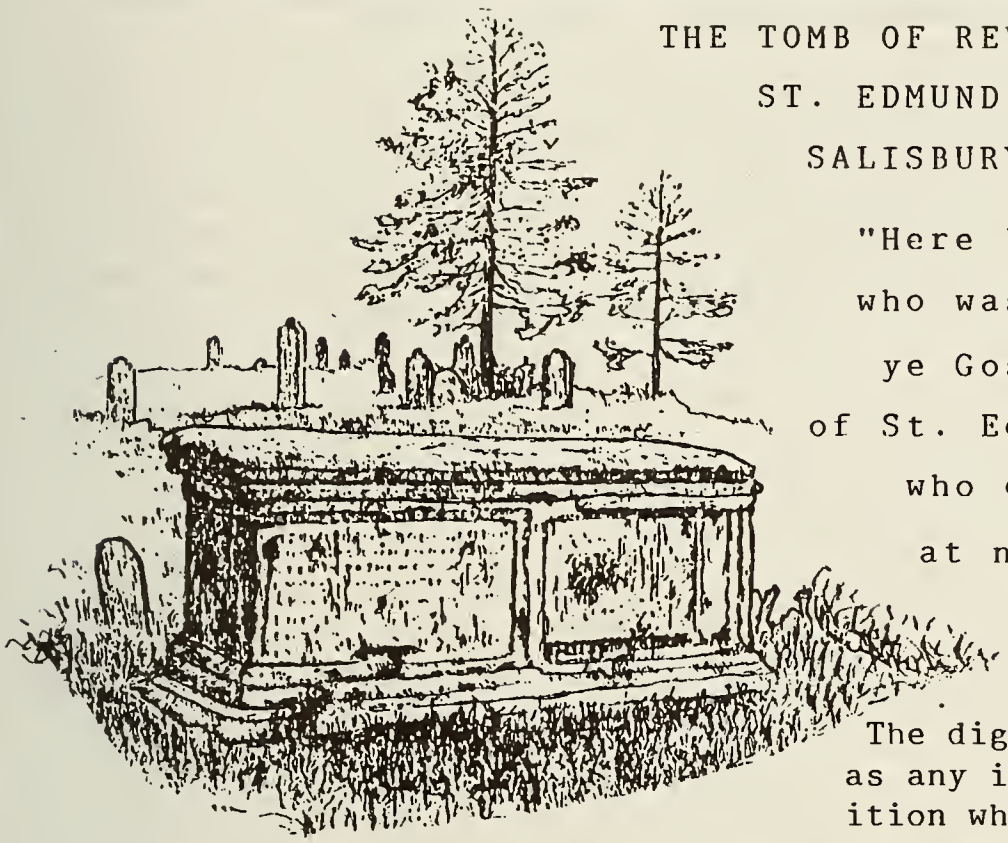
Interior St. Edmund's Church

1635 Feb., about 6 weeks previous to embarking on the James, he married Elizabeth Jones. She was sister of Richard Jones of Dinder, Eng., who sailed from Waimouth, Eng. to America in March 1635 and settled in Dorchester, Mass.

The probable cause of Antony's emigration to America was his desire to secure a home free from religious persecution then so prevalent in England. On account of this he probably styled himself 'a taylor' on the passenger list of the "James", when in reality he was, or had been, a curate of the established English Church at Salisbury. He so styled himself to avoid rigid scrutiny if he announced himself curate of an English Church of pronounced Puritan faith.

Antony's children listed in Issue No. 2, page 5, William, Edith, Mary and Peter were with him on the voyage to America. His youngest son, Benjamin was left behind in the care of Rev. Peter[2] Thacher and died at Salisbury in Sept. 1639 and buried from St. Edmund's and probably interred in the churchyard as was his mother, Mary Thacher. Thomas[3] & Peter[3], sons of Rev. Peter[2], were in the company of Antony on the ship, "James" when he sailed to New England in 1635. (See family record page 5, Issue No. 2 & page 7, Issue 3)

In the next Winter Issue, No. 5 of the Thacher Quarterly
The Thacher Family Arrives in America



THE TOMB OF REV. PETER[2] THACHER
ST. EDMUND'S CHURCHYARD
SALISBURY, ENGLAND

"Here lyeth ye body of Mr. Peter Thacher
who was a laborius minister in preaching
ye Gospel of Jesus Christ to ye people
of St. Edmund's by ye space of XVIII yeares,
who departed this life on Lord's Day
at night being XVI of February 1640
Let no man move his bones.
F. D."

The dignity of the tomb, which is as pronounced as any in the churchyard, is a reminder of the position which he held in the community.

Alice Batt Thacher, widow of Rev. Peter[2] Thacher married a second time at Salisbury, Oct. 19, 1641, to Francis Dove one of the overseers of her first husband's will and his "verie dear friend ". He was a merchant of Salisbury and was twice mayor of that city and also was one of the wardens of St. Edmund's Church.

Alice, widow of Francis Dove died about Sept. 13, 1669 and was buried from St. Edmund's Church, undoubtedly interred in St. Edmund's Churchyard alongside either her first or her second husband, although neither of their tombs bear an inscription to her memory.

Francis Dove died at Salisbury, Feb. 11, 1666, and was buried in St. Edmund's Churchyard where an alter tomb similar in shape and size to that of Rev. Peter[2] Thacher, and alongside the latter, marks his grave.

The initials "F. D." following the inscription on the tomb of Rev. Peter[2] Thacher are undoubtedly those of Francis Dove, who in all probablility had charge of the erection of his tomb and the wording of the inscription thereon.

Rev. Peter[2] Thacher made his will on Feb. 1, 1640/1 and it was probated on Aug. 5, 1641. It is recorded at the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of the High Court of of Justice in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

Stress should be placed upon the fact that the original will is clearly signed "Peter Thacher". The certified copy filed was signed "Peter Thatcher" and wherever the name appears, whether in the original or the copy, it is spelled "Thatcher". This is accounted for by the fact that the document was, in the original, not the handwriting of the testator but that of his legal advisor, who spelled the name according to popular conception of the name and not according to the testator's own way of spelling it.

"Last Will and Testament of Rev. Peter Thatcher of Salisbury, England:

In the name of God, Amen. The first day of February Anno Domini one thousand six hundred and forty, and in the sixteenth yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Lord King Charles - I, Peter Thatcher of Cittie of New Sarum, in the Countie of Wilts, Clerke, being sick in bodie, but of good and perfect memorie, thanks be to God for the same, doe ordaine and make this my last Will and testament in manner and form following.

I give and bequeathe my soule into the hands of Almightie God, and body I commit to the earth from whence it came.

I give and bequeathe to Peter Thatcher and Thomas Thatcher twoe of my sonnes the some of thirty five pounds in money which was sent over to New England to buy goates, and is in

Drawing of the tomb of Rev. Peter Thachen from "History of Old South Church" V. I, p248.

From page 5: the hands of my brother, Antonie Thatcher. Also, I give and bequeathe to said two sonnes twenty pounds which is due to me from my said brother for keeping his child. Also, I give to my said two sonnes the several somes of thirty and one pounds and fourteene pounds being in the hands of my brother-in-law Christopher Batt, all which severall somes of money to be equallie divided between my two said sonnes. And my will is that my said sonn Thomas shall have the legacie paid as convenientlie as may be after my decease. And my said sonne Peter to have his legacie paid when he shall have served out his apprenticeship and not before, and in the meantime to be managed by my overseers hereafter named.

I give and bequeathe to my said sonn, Peter my greate Brass pott, and Mr. Henry Aynesworth's works and Mr. Rogers his seven treatizes.

I give and bequeathe to Anne Thatcher, my daughter, fiftie pounds and all her mother's child-bed lynnen.

I give and bequeathe to Martha Thatcher and Elizabeth Thatcher, my daughters, to each of them fiftie pounds, which said legacies given to my three daughters. I will, shall be paid unto them when they shall respectively attaine to their several ages of twenty and one yeares or bee married, which of them shall first happen.

I give and bequeathe to John Thacher, my sonne, fiftie pounds to be paid to him when he shall have served out his apprenticeship or shall have attained to his age of twenty and three years, which shall happen first; all of which fower last mentioned legacies of fiftie pounds, my will is, shall be paid out of the money's specified and mentioned in a writing now in the hands of Mr. Francis Dove.

I give and bequeathe unto my last nominated fower children (viz.) Anne, Martha, Elizabeth and John, to each of them tenn pounds to be paid unto them by my executrix at the tymes limited for payment of their legacies. Provided alwaies that if my said daughters or anie or either of them shall marrye before they shall respectively attain their several ages of twenty and one yeares without the consent of my overseers, or one of them, then such of them as shall soe marrye shall have onlie this last legacie of tenn pounds, and their other legacies of fiftie pounds to be divided amonge the survivours of them at the discretion of my overseers.

I give and bequeathe to Samuel Thatcher, Paull Thatcher and Barnabas Thatcher, my three youngest sonnes, to each of them fiftie pounds to bee paid to them when they shall respectively attaine to theire severall ages of twenty and three years. And it is my will that the benefit and comoditie to be made of all said legacies given unto the said children shall bee bestowed and employed by my overseers for and towards the education and maintenance of my said children untill theire legacies shall respectively grow due and paieable in such sorte as my said overseers shall thincke best and fittest for them. And if any of my said children shall dye before his, her or theire legacies shall growe due and payable by this my Will, then my will is that the legacies of him, her or them so dyinge shall be divided amoungst the rest of my children surviving by my overseers in such sorte as to them shall seem best and fittest.

I give to my two brothers John and Anthonie, to my wife's fower sisters, Elizabeth, Marjerie, Marie and Dorothie, and to my sister Ann Batt to each of them five shillings to make them rings as a remembrance of my love to them.

I give to my servant Edithe Davis forty shillings to be paid to her within one month next after my decease. All the rest of my goods, debts, chattels, plate ymplements of household stuff and books (except my books as I shall give and dispose of by a noate or schedule hereof to be annexed to this my Will, and reserving to my children the plate which was severallie given to them at theire births or since) I give and bequeathe to Alice Thatcher my loving wife whom I alsoe ordain and make sole Executrix of my last Will and Testament. And I do desire my verie loving friend the said Francis Dove and my brother-in-law Richard Allwood, to be overseers of this my last Will and Testament to whom I give five shillings apiece in token of my love.

In witness whereof I the said Peter Thatcher have hereunto sett my hand and sealle.

Copy from Vol. I, pgs. 140-143 of E. J. Thacher's "Thomas Thacher, Boston Branch"

Third Cousins, Once Removed AND a Double Thacher Ancestry!

Cousin Gerald Armstrong Corwin, Lt. Col. (Ret'd.) was born at Hardin, Big Horn Co., MT on 30 Aug 1913, son of Gerald F. Corwin and Neva Diadamia (Armstrong) Corwin. He is a Thacher descendant through TWO maternal lines! He graduated from Montana State College, 1937 with a degree in chemistry. "Jerry" served in W.W. II in the Philippines and in Korea 1950, and retired as a Lt.Col. with over 20 yrs. of active duty. He has worked as a chemist and real estate agent. He now resides at Salt Lake City, UT and "winters" in Malaga, Spain. In his spare time, Jerry now helps out with the Thacher Quarterly by way of computer ancestry records and address list & mailing labels, making the production of the newsletter much easier for third cousin, once removed, Nancy T. Walkowski!

OUR ANCESTRY:

REV. PETER[1] THACHER (1545-1624)
of Queen Camel, Somerset, England

REV. PETER[2] THACHER (1587-1640)
of Salisbury, Wiltshire, England

REV. THOMAS[3] THACHER (1620-1678)
of Milton Clevedon & Salisbury, Eng. & Boston, Mass.

REV. PETER[4] THACHER (1651-1727)
of Salem & Milton, Mass.

REV. PETER[5] THACHER (1688-1744)
of Milton & Middleboro, Mass.

REV. PETER[6] THACHER (1716-1785)
of Middleboro & Attleboro, Mass.

OBADIAH[7] THACHER (1757-1838)
of Attleboro, Mass. & Harford Twp., Luzern Co., Penn.

REV. MOSES[8] THACHER (1795-1878)
of Princeton, Attleboro & Wrentham, MA, Cortland, NY & Henry Co., IL

REV. ANTONY[2] THACHER (1588-1667)
of Salisbury, Eng. & Yarmouth, Mass.

HON. COL. JOHN[3] THACHER (1638-1713)
of Yarmouth, Mass.

ANN[4] (THACHER) LOTHROP (1697-1756)
of Yarmouth, Mass. & Tolland, Conn.

ELIZABETH[5] (LOTHROP) WILLS (b1740)
of Tolland, Conn.

WEARAM[6] WILLIS (1780-1860)
of of Delaware Co., New York

MOSES WILMARTH[9] THACHER (1823-1882) Wrentham, MA-Henry Co. IL		STEPHEN RICHARDSON[9] THACHER (1826-1916) Wrentham, MA-Orient, Iowa	— m. → DIADAMIA DIANA[7] (WILLIS) THACHER (1820-1893) of Delaware Co., N.Y.
CHARLES WILMARTH[10] THACHER (1862-1947) Cambridge & Rock Island, IL	1st Cousins	HANNAH HENRIETTA[10] (THACHER) ARMSTRONG (1846-1932) Delaware Co., NY - Orient, Adair Co., IA	- 8
KATHERINE ROSINA[11] (THACHER) LIITT (1890-1974) of Rock Island, Ill.	2nd Cousins	NEVA DIADEMIA[11] (ARMSTRONG) CORWIN (1883-1966) Orient, Iowa - Billings, Montana	- 9
ELIZABETH ANN[12] (LIITT) TALLMAN (b. 1914 Rock Island, Ill.) Res. Detroit, MI & Bradenton, FL	3rd Cousins	GERALD ARMSTRONG CORWIN[12] (Lt. Col., Ret.) (b. 1913 Hardin, Big Horn Co., Montana) Res. Hardin, MT, Chicago, IL, and Salt Lake City, UT	- 10
NANCY KAY[13] (TALLMAN) WALKOWSKI (b. 1941 Waterloo, Iowa) Res. Rock Island, IL & Detroit, MI	3rd Once Removed		

To complete the picture of descendants at work on the Thacher Quarterly, here is a summary of the ancestry of (perhaps 8th ?) Cousin E. Howard Thacher, our Subscription Manager and Research Consultant: Looking above at REV. PETER[5] (1688-1744) of Middleboro, MA, note that he had a son, SAMUEL PRINCE[6] THACHER (1717-1795), brother of Rev. Peter[6] (1716-1785) of Attleboro. His son, JOHN OXENBRIDGE[7] THACHER (1765-1843) of Middleboro, MA had a son, THOMAS HINKLEY[8] THACHER (1799-1860) who resided at Pomfret, VT. His son, ALONZO[9] THACHER (1819-1885), had a son, ELMER HOWARD[10] THACHER (1852-1930) resided in Honolulu, Hawaii & Los Angeles, CA, had ELMER WINIFRED[11] THACHER (1883-1946) born in Hawaii & died at San Diego, CA. His son, Cousin E. "HOWARD"[12] THACHER was born 1921 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; resides at Buckley, WA.

BOOKS: "Thacher-Thatcher" Genealogy by John Reynolds Totten (1856-1936) Main reference used by Elwood James Thacher in his volumes on both the Boston Branch and Yarmouth Branch which can be found in libraries across the U.S. See attached list of libraries. E.J. Thacher, P.O. Box 2293, Winter Haven, FL 33884.

Some libraries also own rare copies of Mr. Totten's "Thacher" genealogy - only 100 copies were printed. In the Editor's possession is an original form and letter from John R. Totten sent to her great grandfather, Charles Wilmarth Thacher (1862-1947), requesting family information, dated 1906!

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THANK YOU!! Thanks to you subscribers who have sent records in addition to your New Subscriber Forms! We'd especially like to thank Sarah Thacher McNeive for the 2 BIG packages of records! Thanks also go to Carroll Thacher of Attleboro, MA, Robert A. Thacher of Minneapolis, MN, Harris I. Thacher of Janesville, WI, Jeanne Thacher Turner for her brother, John Woodbridge Thacher of Nunn, CO, Luin Knowles Thacher, M.D. of Santa Barbara, CA and Rosemount Victorian House Museum (Thatcher House) of Pueblo, CO, who sent a large packet of brochures & records.

Here begins the"CORRECTIONS COLUMN": In the last Issue No. 3, QUERIES on page 8, the Editor stated that Henry C. with wife Lydia Thatcher, built "Rosemount" in Pueblo, CO. Since receiving their packet of info., we think we now have the facts straight! There were 3 brothers, sons of Henry & Lydia, born in Perry Co., PA (Only clue to ancestry is their 3rd great grandfather, Bartholomew of Hunterton Co,N.J.) Of the brothers, John, b.1836, Mahlon b. 1839 & Henry C. b. 1842, it was John who built Rosemount. All 3 settled at Pueblo, CO. We'll feature these Thatchers in a future issue.
Write to ROSEMOUNT, Victorian House Museum, P.O. Box 5259, Pueblo, CO 81002

The Editor received news all the way from Somerset, England of a "Terrible Typo" in both Issues 2 & 3. Of Course, BARNABAS is spelled thusly and Not with a "bus"! Thank you, Thacher friend, Gordon Moore!

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Please send Christmas stories/photos for TQ No. 5; Am. Rev. & Civil War soldiers info. for future issues. (Additional data sent to G.Corwin, below, $2 per computer page)

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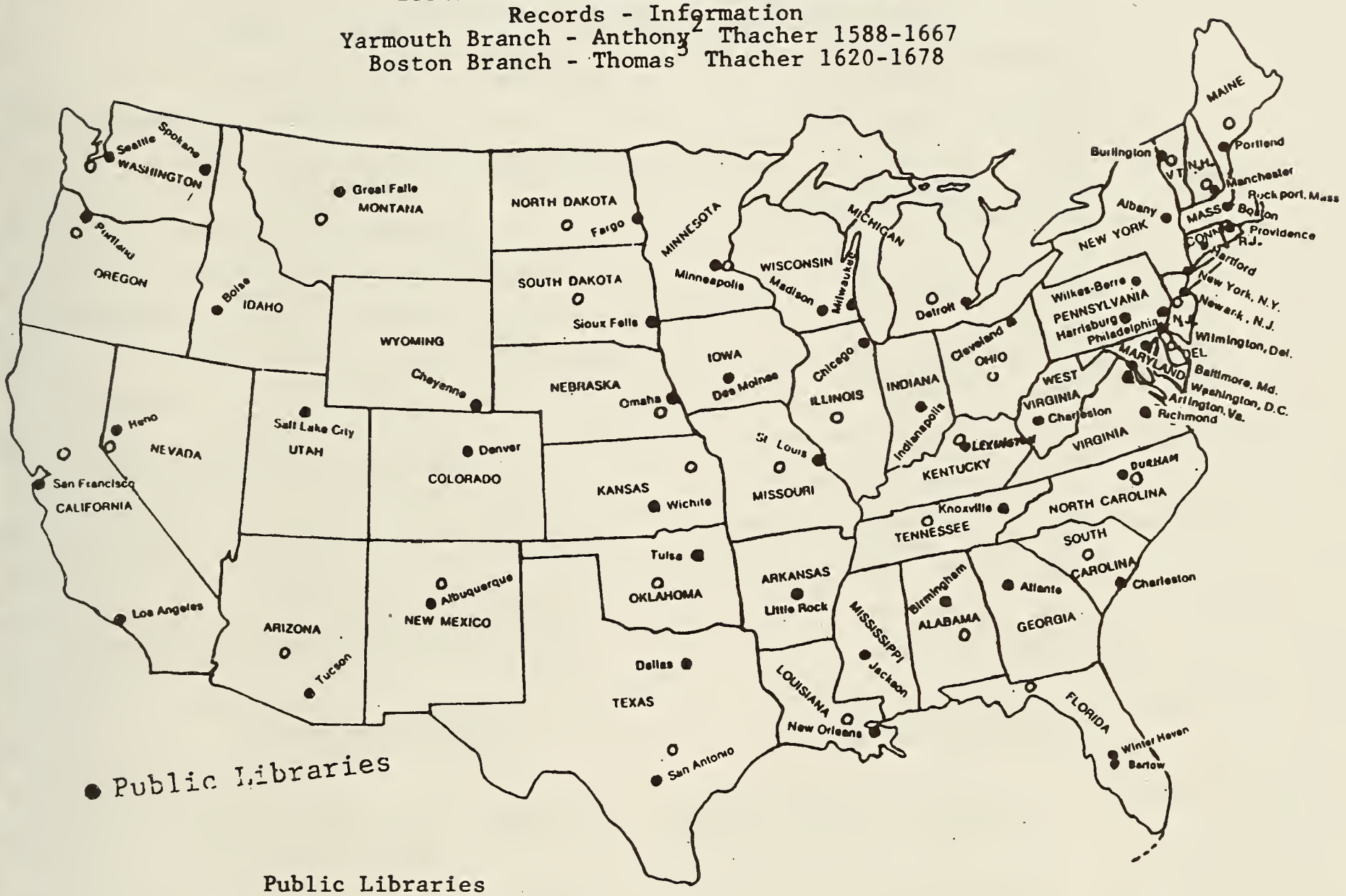

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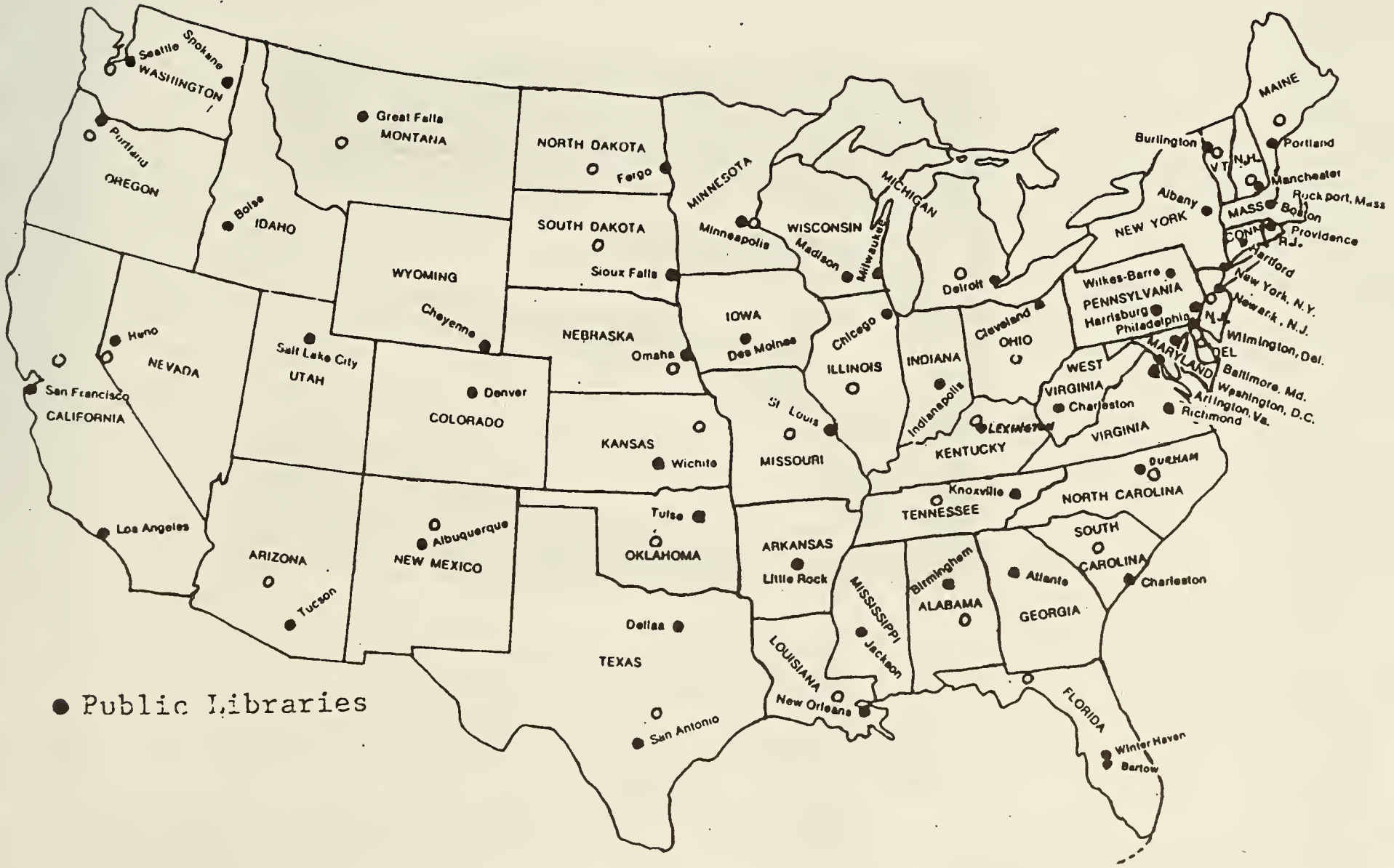

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ALICE (BATT) THACHER widow of Rev. Peter(2) Thacher married a second time at Salisbury, October 19, 1641 to Francis Dove one of the overseers of Rev. Peter(2) Thacher's will and his "verie dear friend." Francis Dove was a merchant of Salisbury and twice elected Mayor of the city. He was also one the wardens of St. Edmund's Church. Alice (Thacher) Dove died at Salisbury about September 13th, 1669. She was buried from St. Edmund's Church, and undoubtedly interred in St. Edmund's Church yard alongside either her first husband or second husband.

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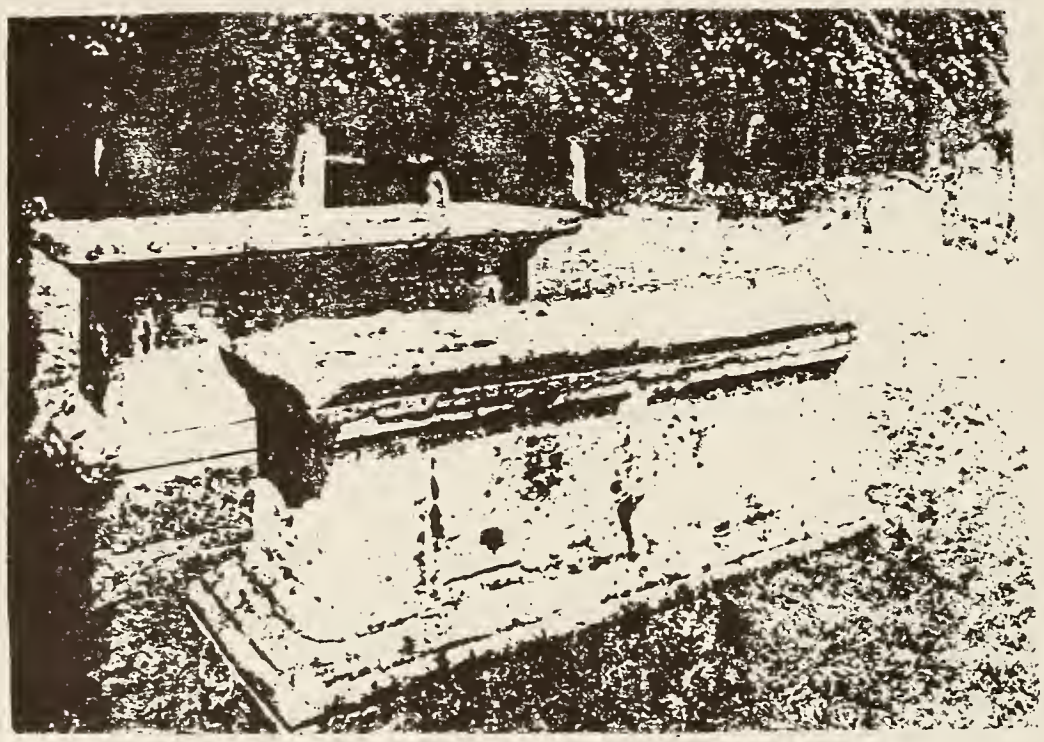

ST. EDMUND'S CHURCHYARD
SALISBURY, ENGLAND
Front Tomb - REV. PETER(2) THACHER
Rear Tomb - FRANCIS DOVE who married
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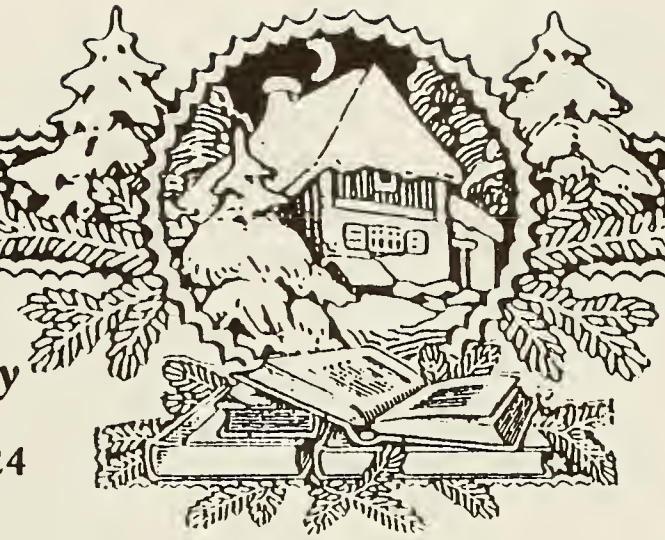

"OUR CHURCHES"
Winter Issue, No. 5

December 1, 1990

Merry Christmas

Dear Thacher Family & Friends,

Welcome New Subscribers! Merry Christmas to All!

In this and the next issue, we will try to make the most of the Arrival of our Thacher/Thatchers in America, although there are scant details. We will continue with the story of the wreck on Thacher's Island, often mentioned in our American History books.

For a bit of Christmas gaiety in this issue, we've included a feature on Rosemount Victorian Museum in Pueblo, Colorado, built by Thatchers - our newest subscriber!

Amidst Thanksgiving preparations came the sad news of our Cousin E. Howard Thacher's death on November 20, 1990 at his home on Blessing Road, Buckley, Washington.

Some of you have met Howard by mail, as he was our Subscription Manager and a consultant on research of the Thachers. He was my Pen-pal & Chum - we met when we both wrote to Old South for information on Rev. Thomas Thacher, our mutual ancestor. We've corresponded since those first letters in 1983 on a weekly basis.

Howard was the Contact Person on this side of the water for American Thachers who made contributions toward the Ancient Church Path Restoration at St. Barnabas' Church, Queen Camel, Somerset, England.

On Nov. 22, 1985, Howard's application for membership in the National Society of Sons of the American Revolution was accepted. His Revolutionary War ancestor is John Oxenbridge Thacher (1765-1843).

Howard & I had FUN! We avidly collected news of the 350th Anniversary of the shipwreck on Thacher Island events. We followed the course of the ship, Point Thatcher thru the newspapers. Howard "stuck his neck out" more than once in research attempts - as when he wrote to Denis Thatcher at 10 Downing St. He wrote for info on Thatcher Island, Washington, on Civil War soldiers named Thatcher or Thacher, Thatchers in Texas and ever once, to inquire about a wine named Thacher!! He had a unique tongue-in-cheek approach to research that made each new topic an adventure!

His full name was Elmer Howard Thacher, though he prefered and used "Howard E. Thacher" for years, thus I knew him as "Cousin Howard".

The poems here were written as annual Christmas gifts for Howard, beginning in 1984. (See also "The Survival of Thomas Thacher" on page 8 of Issue No. 5 of The Thacher Quarterly). Below are the 1988 and at bottom, the 1987 Christmas Poem.

The Christmas Poem

My First Christmas Poem for you, Howard was written
When we were first Genealogically Smitten
By Tallmans & Thachers and their Families Prodigious
And we took up this study like Something Religious!

My Second Poem found me surrounded by Thachers
And too many Tallmans, so I sent out Dispatches,
For you, Howard - you were snowed-in way Out West
By the '85 Blizzard, and, well you know The Rest!

The Third Poem got longer than all of the others
As we searched for Our Ancestors' Sisters & Brothers!
The Fourth recalled Meeting You, Howard & Travelling About
And Some Folks we have met on our 'Round-about Route!

Now, you & I know Our Adventures aren't through;
We have plenty of Time and there's plenty to do,
As my Fifth Poem arrives here on paper for You,
To say Merry Christmas this year, and A Happy New One, too!

HOWARD E. THACHER, ESQ. & ME - "POLISHING MEM'RIES"

Howard E, and Me, we're Chums, Cousins and more:
We're polishing mem'ries from shore to shore!

Oh, we met out in Boston at Old South Meeting Church;
There our friendship began and so did our research!

We travelled thru Mass., to Vermont and to Canada;
made a foray to England and Brazil, South America!

We met Betty of Yakima and Cousin Harriet of MO,
Gordon Moore in Queen Camel and Elwood J. down in Flo.

We criss-crossed the U.S..and researched in Hawaii
til I wondered if Howard'd say, "Oh, Pshaw-ii!" ?

But there's Howard out in Washington,
(still sporting his "Esq.")
And here's Me in Mich.,
(still right here at my desk)
And we're Polishing Mem'ries
just as much as we wish!

After a memorial service at the Whitmore Funeral home in Buckley, WA, burial was at Riverton Heights, Seattle, Washington.

The Thacher family and friends will miss him greatly and with love.

Until the next issue,

Your Cousin, Nancy

Thanks for your RSVP!

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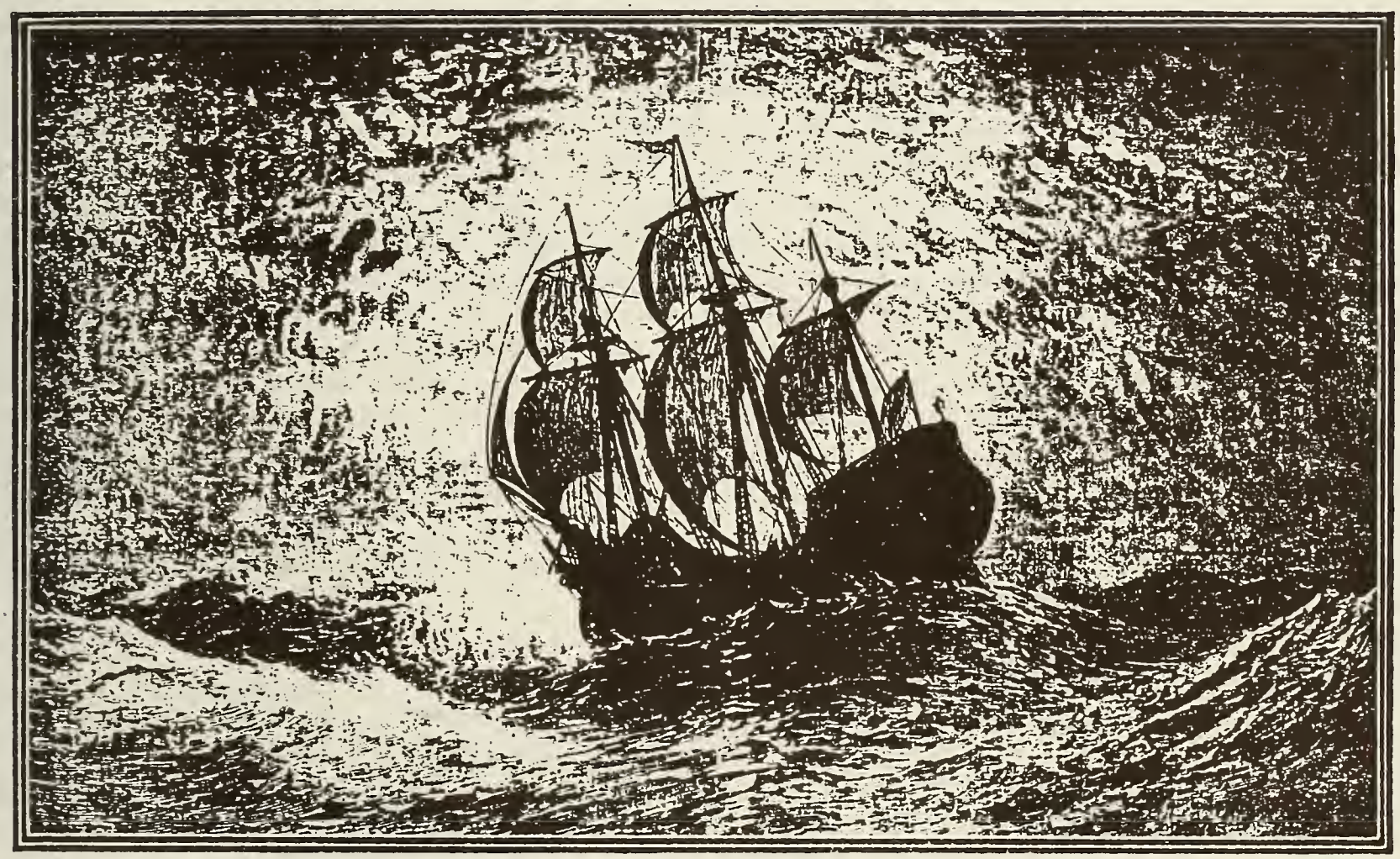
"'And let everything that hath breath praise the name of the Lord forever and ever.' Who gave unto His poore servants such a safe and comfortable voyage to New England." The Journal of Rev. Richard Mather.



The Ship James of London, Bound for America
Embarked from Southampton April 5, 1635; Captain, Mr. Wm. Cooper

With pennons flying bravely at the mastheads, the James slipped her hawes, unfurled bright new sails and moved slowly out into the channel, her rails crowded with excited but heavyhearted passengers, frantically waving a last farewell to those lining the quay at Southampton's harbor - many suspecting what proved to be the fact - that they had seen old friends and relatives for the last time. The ship soon passed Land's End and the last glimpse of the green shores of their homeland.

53 men, a crew of perhaps 30 "un-Godlie" sailors and an unknown number of wives and children would be at sea on the stormy Atlantic Ocean for 61 days before reaching their destination in New England on the ship, James.

From the Sailing List of the James, we see that "Anthoney Thetcher of Sarum" is listed as a "tayler". With him was "Peter Higdon, his servant" (Peter^3 Thacher, Anthony's nephew, son of Rev. Peter^2 Thacher of St. Edmund's, Salisbury.)

It is supposed that the "Thomas Scoates, labourer of Sarum" was actually young Thomas^3 Thacher, Anthony's nephew, son of Rev. Peter^2 Thacher of Salisbury. Also on board the James was William Kemp, servant of Anthoney Emery of Romsey. William Kemp was the first husband of Elizabeth Partridge who, as a widow, married Rev. Thomas^3 Thacher in 1643.

From "THE COMPLETE BOOK OF EMIGRANTS 1607-1660" listing compiled from English records of those who took ship to the Americas for Political, Religious & Economic reasons; those who were deported and those who were sold to labour in the new colonies. Written by Peter Wilson Coldham; Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, MD 1987.

PAGE 121, "1635": "Undated. Copy letter from ANTHONY THATCHER (Thacher) in New England to his brother, PETER THACHER in Old England. There was a solemn bond of friendship made beteen my cousin Avary and myself on Mr. Graves' ship [?the Reformation which went from London to New England in the Spring of 1634]."

Note from Editor: We have learned that there was confusion in the records between Anthony son of Rev. Peter Thacher of Queen Camel and those of another Anthony Thatcher, brother of Thomas Thatcher of Beckington, Somerset who died 1610, who went to Holland.

The above note concerning the ship Reformation's voyage in the Spring of 1634 to New England and "Cousin Avary's bond of friendship" with Anthony aboard "Mr. Graves' ship" (the Reformation), seems to point out that Anthony may have made a previous voyage to the New World! This could explain why there are no clues to Rev. Avary's presence on th ship James. Perhaps he was awaiting Anthony's return at Ipswich, having made the voyage a year earlier!

To continue: "Immediately upon arrival in New England Avary was invited to Marblehead to be their pastor but, being fishermen, most there were loose and Avary was unwilling to go. We went to Newberry to Mr. Parker but, on advice from Mr. Cotten and others, he consented to go to Marblehead. The people there sent a pinnace and we embarked at Ipswich on 12 Aug. 1635 with our families, 23 souls in all, 11 in my cousin's family and 7 in mine, one Master William Elliott and 4 mariners."

"On the evening of 14 August there arose a great storm and the pinnace was dashed upon the rocks of an island. My daughter Mary climbed ashore, my little babe Peter was sitting in his sister Edith's arms, and my poor William was standing nearby. On that desolate island which I named Thatcher's Woe lies buried my cousin's eldest daughter whom I found dead on the shore. We were taken off by a boat to Marblehead where I now remain. My chiefest friends are Mr. Cotten, Mr. Mavericke, Mr. Warde, Mr. Ward, Mr. Hocker, Mr. Weles, Mr. Warhad, Mr. Parker and Mr. Noyes. (Sloan 922, p.205)."

From the Editor: The above summary of the events of Aug. 14/15, 1635 off Cape Ann omits a great deal from the story! The complete letter of ANTHONY THACHER to his brother Peter in England, will be presented in two parts in the Thacher Quarterly's Spring & Summer issues.

PAGE 133, April 6, 1635; "Passengers embarked at Southampton in the James of London, Mr. William Cooper, bound for New England: List includes THOMAS Stoates of Sarum, labourer, ANTHONEY THATCHAR of Sarum, tailor, and PETER Higdon, his servant, Anthoney Emery of Romsey carpenter and William Kemp his servant."

PAGE 154, July 6, 1635; "Passengers embarked from London to Virginia by the Paule, Mr. Leonard Betts, by the certificate from the Minister of Gravesend: List includes "SYLVESTER THATCHER, age 21"

PAGE 160, August 7, 1635: Persons to be transported from London to Virginia by the Globe of London, Mr. Jeremy Blackman, after examination by the Minister of Gravesend: List includes a "JOHN THATCHER, age 22".

PAGE 186, April 27, 1637: "Cattle shipped in the Prosperous, Mr. John Milbury bound from Dartmouth to New England by New England planters: List includes PETER THATCHER, Richard Alwood and [?Theo.] Batte."

PAGE 206, May 30 - July 26, 1639: 'THOMAS THETCHER among names of "shippers of goods on the Elizabeth, Mr. George Lambert, bound from London to New England with planters & passengers.

PAGE 219, August, 1641: "Probate will of PETER THATCHER of New Sarum, Wiltshire, clerk, whose brother ANTHONY THATCHER was in New England."

PAGE 367, Nov. 24, 1657: "Thomas Wilch of Yarmouth, Norfolk, mariner, administrator of his son John Wilch of London, mariner deceased, appointed Thomas Revell and NICHOLAS THATCHER o Barbados as his attornies."

Following article extracted from the one-time-only publication compiled by Mr. Carroll Thacher of Attleboro, Mass., "The Family Ties and Times", for the 350th Anniversary of the shipwreck on Thacher Island, August 15, 1985.

P U R I T A N S A R R I V E I N D R O V E S !

IPSWICH, June 4, 1635: We do note that for the past 15 years since many of us have arrived from England aboard various ships, starting with the original New England colony in Plymouth in 1620, that yet more of us are still on the docks landing. Today we stood at the waterfront here in the town of Ipswich to greet and witness the arrival of yet more good Puritans. They are a curious lot, bringing their religious beliefs and their business seems to be selling a Product called "Freedom of Worship without Suppression". This is apparently the Number One successful Product being sold these days!

Many of us are millers and mariners; fishers and forgers of metal; coopers and farmers all about. We are butchers and bakers and candlestick makers. Some are carpenters; layers of brick and stone, and stichers of cloth, doctors and lawyers and yea... an Indian chief or two here-about! (I'm told I can find one in the wilderness west of here...).

But the Puritan Preacher worships and builds his Church and does urge us to come inside with him to help him in his belief. He Preaches, he Prays and Sings Praises to the Lord, and has within himself such Peace of Mind, and 'round about himself a Serenity. I find him strange, yet I am drawn to him.

Today, at this dock on the waterfront at Ipswich, a ship arrived from Southampton, England. Aboard this ship, the James of London, more Puritan Preachers arrived. Among them a man named Rev. Joseph Avery and his first cousin, Mr. Antony Thacher, who along with their families came to sell that Product which is the best item on the market today!

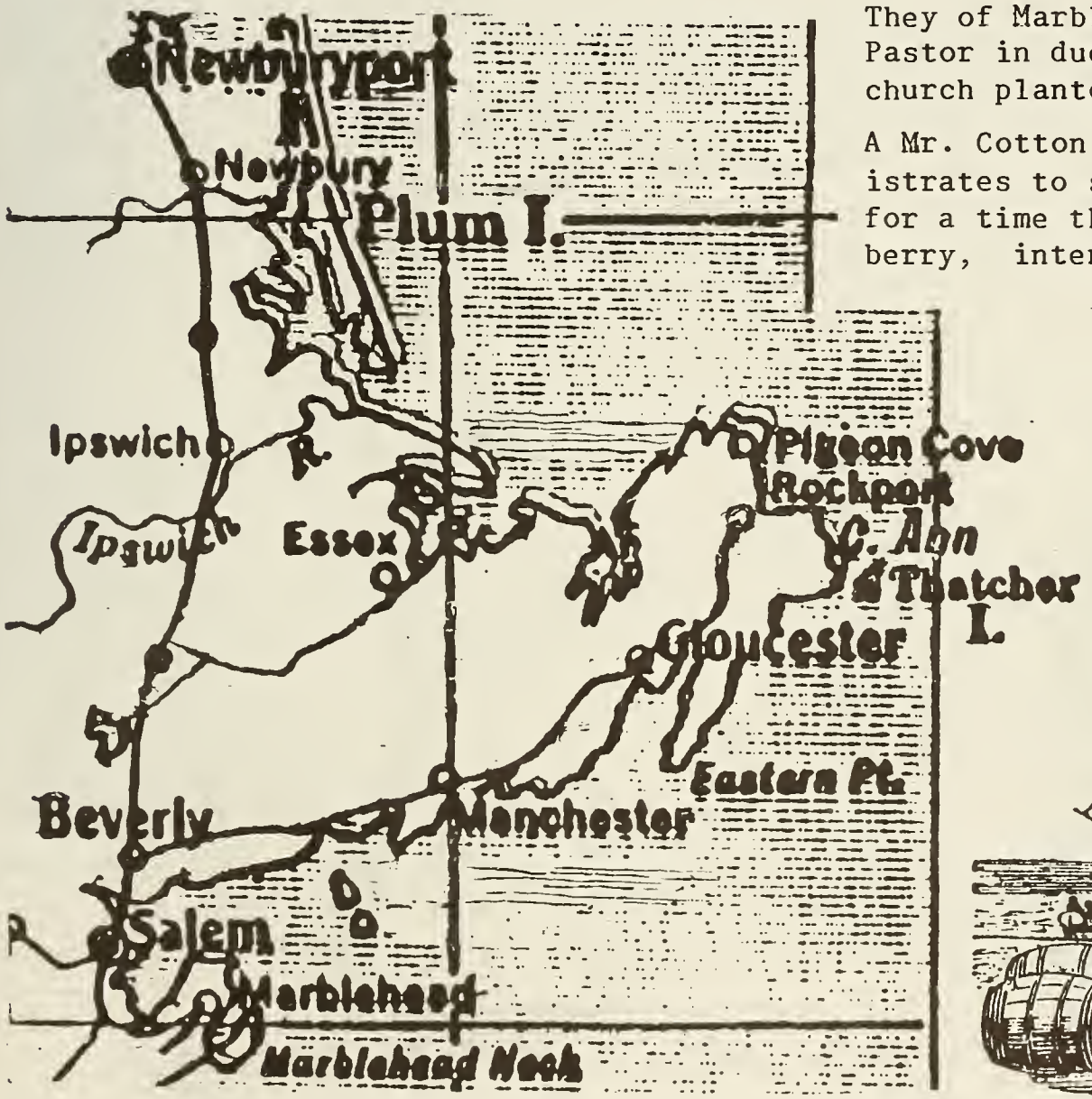
One of the crew of the James tells me some gossip he has heard. That one of this group has been invited to Marblehead to preach to the fishers of that place. They of Marblehead wish for him to be their Pastor in due time, but as yet have no church planted.

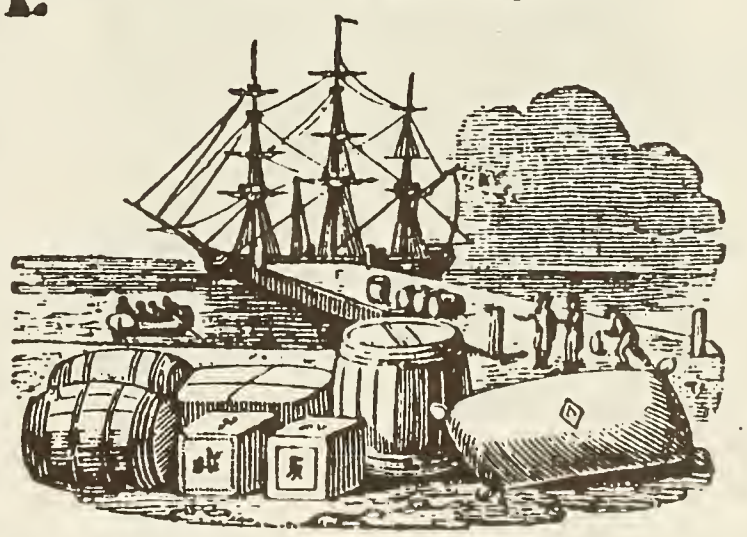
A Mr. Cotton comes with Ministers and Magistrates to speak to these Puritans. But for a time they elect to go north to Newberry, intending to sit down for a while.

A strange lot, these Puritan Preachers...

So, we sit down here on the waterfront at Ipswich waiting for the summer and maybe a change in the climate of things, or the weather....

Good old New England!





PURITANISM: Historically it began during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I as a movement for religious reform. The early Puritans felt that the Elizabethan ecclesiastical establishment was too political, too compromising, and too Catholic in its litergy, vestments, and episcopal hierarchy. Calvinist in theology, they stressed predestination and demanded scriptural warrant for all details of public worship. The aim of early Puritans was to purify the Church, not to separate from it.

At the close of the reign of Elizabeth there were three kinds of Puritans: those who desired a purified worship and still remain in the established Church; those who would have a state church under the Presbyterian form of government, and those who believed that an established church was wrong. The latter were called Separatists. or Independents and these were the Pilgrims of Plymouth, later becoming the Congregational Church. The main body of the Puritans were the Presbyterians.

In New England, some 35 churches had been formed by 1640. Ministers had great political influence, and civil authorities exercized a large measure of control over church affairs. After the 17th century, the Puritans as a political entity largely disappeared but Puritan attitudes and ethics continued to exert an influence on society.

To the Puritan, man by nature was wholly sinful and could achieve good only by severe and unremitting discipline. Hard work was considered a religious duty and emphasis was laid on constant self-examination and self-discipline. They made a virtue of qualities which made for economic success - self-reliance, frugality, industry, and energy - and through them influenced modern social and economic life. Their concern for education was important in the development of the United States, and the idea of congregational democratic church government was carried into the political life of the state as a source of modern democracy.

The Puritan emigration ended about 1640 when there seemed a better prospect of liberty in England. The Puritan emigrants came as members of the Church of England with no desire to separate. The Pilgrims were already separated from the English communion and were independent. The Puritans, because of their distance from the homeland and because of the influence of the Pilgrims very quickly adopted the Congregational form of church government.

PURITAN INFLUENCE ON FASHION

The Puritans wore a sober version of the current mode without trimming, decoration or fripperies. Their influence on dress was considerable, making the clothes worn by most people much plainer.

Left: Less extreme Puritan dress c1653. Black felt hat with plumes; White band & cuffs. Dark cloth cloak with silk lining; dark red jacket, grey breeches and buff leather boots & gloves.

Center; White linen apron, cap, cuffs and falling band. Black felt hat, grey wool dress, 1650.

Right: Black cloak, cap and shoes. White band and cuffs. Brown wool jacket and breeches, 1650.

Info from the Encyclopedias Americana & Columbia.

"The Swan Song of Parson Avery" by John Greenleaf Whittier

When the reaper's task was ended, and the summer wearing late, Parson Avery sailed from Newberry, with his wife and children, eight, dropping down the river-harbor in the shallop "Watch and Wait".

Pleasantly lay the clearings in the mellow summer-morn, with the newly planted orchards dropping their fruits first-born, and the home-roofs like brown islands amid a sea of corn.

Broad meadows reached out seaward the tided creeks between, and hills rolled wave-like inland, with oaks and walnuts green; a fairer home, a goodlier land, his eyes had never seen.

Yet away sailed Parson Avery, away where duty led, and the voice of God seemed calling, to break the living bread to the souls of fishers starving on the rocks of Marblehead.

All day they sailed: at nightfall the pleasant breeze died, the blackening sky, at midnight, its starry lights denied, and far and low the thunder of tempest prophesied.

Blotted out were all the coastlines, gone were rock, and wood, and sand; grimly anxious stood the skipper with the rudder in his hand, and questioned of the darkness what was sea and what was land.

And the preacher heard his dear ones, nestled round him, weeping sore: "Never heed, my little children! Christ is walking on before to the pleasant land of heaven, where the sea shall be no more."

All at once the great cloud parted, like a curtain drawn aside, to let down the torch of lightning on the terror far and wide; and the thunder and the whirlwind together smote the tide.
There was wailing in the shallop, woman's wail and man's despair, a crash of breaking timbers on the rocks so sharp and bare, and, through it all, the murmer of Father Avery's prayer

From his struggle in the darkness with the wild waves and the blast, on a rock, where every billow broke above him as it passed, alone, of all his household, the man of God was cast.

There a comrad heard him praying, in the pause of wave and wind: "All my own have gone bebore me, and I linger just behind; not for life I ask, but only for the rest Thy ransomed find!

"In this night of death I challenge the promise of Thy word! - Let me see the great salvation of which mine ears have heard! - Let me pass from hence forgiven, throught the grace of Christ our Lord!

"In the baptism of these waters wash white my every sin, and let me follow up to Thee my household and my kin! Open up the sea-gate of Thy heaven, and let me enter in!"

When the Christian sings his death-song, all the listening heavens draw near, and the angels, leaning over the walls of crystal, hear how the notes so faint and broken swell to music in God's ear.

The ear of God was open to His servant's last request; as the strong wave swept him downward the sweet hymn upward pressed, And the soul of Father avery went singing to its rest.

There was wailing on the mainland, from the rocks of Marblehead; in the stricken church of Newberry the notes of prayer were read; and long, by board and hearthstone, the living mourned the dead.

And still the fishers outbound or scudding from the squall, with grave and reverent faces, the ancient tale recall, when they see the white waves breaking on the Rock of Avery's Fall!

From "The Complete Works of John Greenleaf Whittier"
1904

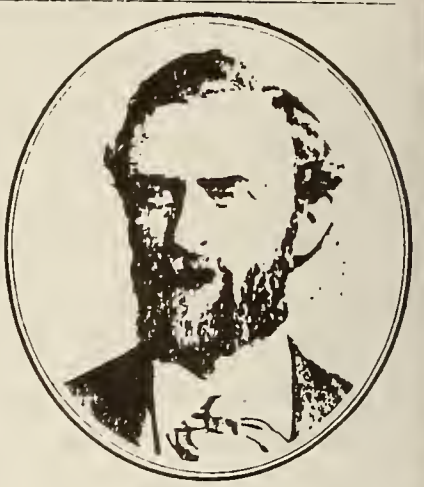
JOHN A. THATCHER

(Earlier photo below, right)

MARGARET A. THATCHER

ROSEMOUNT

Victorian House Museum



HENRY C. THATCHER

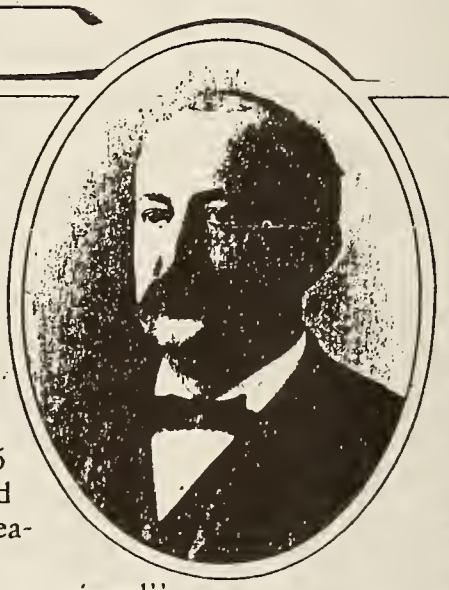
ROSEMOUNT VICTORIAN HOUSE MUSEUM
Post Office Box 5259, Pueblo, Colorado 81002 - Telephone 719-545-5290
Located Grand Avenue at Fourteenth Street

The grandeur of a bygone era awaits you at the Rosemount Victorian House Museum! Built in 1893, this 37-room mansion was home to the John A. Thatcher family and named for Mrs. Thatcher's favorite flower.

Lured by the excitement of the West, John Thatcher moved from Pennsylvania to Pueblo and became a successful merchant and banker, with interests in cattle, mining and agriculture. His great wealth enabled Rosemount to be built at a time when many structures in town were adobe and many streets were merely dirt roads.

The mansion, designed by noted Victorian architect Henry Hudson Holly of New York, was built at a cost of $60,750. The 24,000 sq. ft. home is constructed of pink rhyolite stone. Nearly all of the furniture, accessories and wall treatments on display are original.

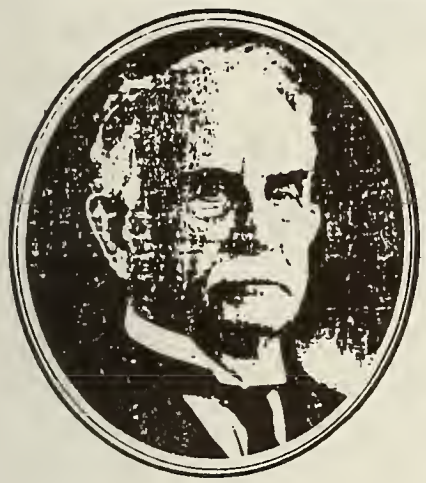
Rosemount features beautiful maple, oak and mahogany woodwork. A dramatic staircase near the home's entrance directs you past an exquisite 9' by 13' stained glass window, "Kingdoms of Nature," which was designed by Charles Booth of New York.



Marble, silverplate tile and wood accent ten fireplaces in the home. Tiffany lighting fixtures of brass, silver and goldplate hang throughout the mansion. Hand-decorated ceilings, an oak dining room table that seats 36 people, and elegant carved and inlaid furniture are featured at Rosemount.

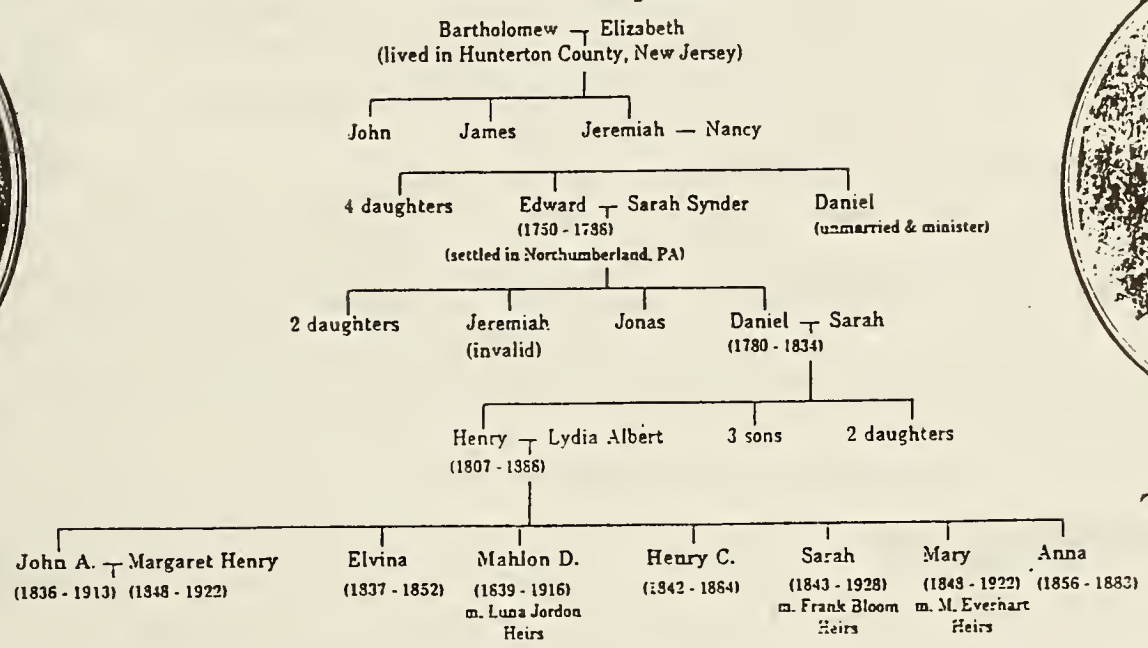
Plan to visit the "crown jewel" of Colorado and see where the elegant East met the rugged West at the turn of the century!

'60 r visitors: Lindy's Tea Room in the carriage-house for lunch 11 - 2 p.m. Tues. - Fri..



MAHLON D. THATCHER

Thatcher Family Tree



LUNA THATCHER

JOHN ALBERT THATCHER - born 1836 Pfoutz Valley, Perry Co., PA; married 1866 Margaret Ann Henry (1848-1922); he died Aug. 14, 1913, Pueblo, CO.
On Aug. 13, 1863, he arrived at Pueblo and opened a general store. A profoundly successful businessman, he was respected as "the squarest man that ever lived".

In 1865, John's brother, Mahlon joined him in a new store. As "Thatcher Bros., Merchants", they built a lasting reputation for honesty and reliability.

MAHLON DANIEL THATCHER - born 1839 Perry Co., PA; married 1876 Luna Ada Jordan (1855-1935) noted for 6 decades of philanthropic work. He died Feb. 22, 1916. A pleasant & genial man, he was considered a financial genius. He was called a "man of sterling worth".

In 1866 a third brother, Henry, arrived in Pueblo to open his law practice. He became U.S. Attorney for the state of Colorado and was 1st Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court.
HENRY CALVIN THATCHER - born 1842 Perry Co., PA; married 1st 1869 Ella Snyder (d.1875) and 2nd 1879 Sallie B. Aschom. He had 4 children who died young. Henry was noted for his devotion to the interests of his clients and was highly respected.

Thatcher Bros. Merchants grew rapidly. In 1872, as "Thatcher Bros. Bankers", they opened the 1st National Bank of Pueblo with John as president and Mahlon as cashier. They expanded to over 30 financial institutions throughout the years, and other ventures including cattle ranches, agriculture & mining. Mahlon played a part in bringing the Atcheson, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad to Pueblo.

John & Margaret Thatcher had 5 children: Lenore (1867-1890), Lillian (1870-1948), John Henry (1872-1928 - m. Ethel McMann (3 ch.); Albert (1874-1877) & Raymond (1885-1963).
In 1893 the family moved into their new home, a 37 room mansion called ROSEMOUNT. Mrs. Thatcher embellished her love of roses in oil paintings & silk wall coverings. There was a large rose garden and a greenhouse where roses were grown year 'round. (The house has 10 fireplaces and 26 handwoven oriental carpets.) ROSEMOUNT is now a museum.
Margaret Thatcher helped organize the Arkansas Valley Chapter, DAR, being a descendant of Patrick Henry, and Richard Johnson, U.S. vice president under Van Buren.

Mahlon D. & Luna Thatcher had 6 children: Irene May (1878-1890), Edna Viola (1880-1894), Mahlon D., Jr. (1882-1965) m. Katherine P. Luce; Lucia Eleanor (b. 1886) - twins- Lydia Genevieve (b. 1886) and Luna Ada (1889-1968).

On the highest hill in Pueblo, next to his brother's home, Rosemount, Mahlon built his palatial mansion and named it HILLCREST. It was situated on an entire city block on a ridge overlooking the Arkansas River Valley, and completed in 1882. After the death of his mother, about 1942, the elegant showplace was given by heir, Mahlon D. Thatcher, Jr. to the Pueblo Chapter of the American Red Cross for use as its headquarters, (a favorite family charity). It was later sold to the Masons for the site of the new Scottish Rite Temple It was demolished in the 1970's.

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Information from brochures from Rosemount & "Dict. of Am. Biog." Scribner's, 1936, IX:394.

WANTED BY THACHER FAMILY: Parents & Ancestry of ELIZABETH JONES, 2nd wife of ANTHONY ^{2} THACHER, (her birthdate unknown; d. aft. 1667), & her brother, RICHARD JONES of Dorchester, MA, who came from Dinder, Eng. 1635. Write to the Editor.

Thachers wish proof of relationship between ANTHONY^{2}THACHER & Rev. JOSEPH AVERY - were they truly 1st cousins? Write to the Editor.

SAMUEL THATCHER freeman 18 May, 1642 of Watertown, MA, d. 30 Nov. 1669. Wife, Hannah & children: Hannah b. 1645 who m. John Holmes, & Samuel b. 1648 who m. Mary Farnsworth - of 10 children, 2 daus. d. young; 3 sons were: Samuel b. 1683, John b. 1686, & Ebenezer b. 1704. Editor seeks ancestry and desc'ts. of the Watertown Thatchers. (Address below)

New subsriber, Rosemount Victorian House Museum of Pueblo CO wishes info. on ancestry & desc'ts. of BARTHOLOMEW & ELIZABETH THATCHER of Hunterton Co., N.J. - See Family Tree and Address on page 7.

We will be happy to include your QUERIES in the Thacher Quarterly free of charge.

A SHORT HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS

At the time of the Winter Solstice, pagans honored their god of agriculture in a riotous celebration called "Saturnalia", from December 17th to 24th. As Christianity spread across Europe, so did the celebrating of the birth of Christ, established about 350 A.D. as December 25th. In England it was called "Christes Mess", or Christ's Mass, which became Christmas - the great festival of Western Europe dating from the Middle Ages.

After the Reformation in England, observance became a crux between Anglicans and other Protestants — Christmas was suppressed in Scotland and New England until the 19th century. In 1659, the colonial legislature in Massachusetts declared the celebration of Christmas illegal! Hard work became the activity of that day! Others in nearby colonies disagreed with the cantankerous Puritans, believing in equal parts of Religion & Revelry during the Christmas season.

But the Pilgrims were convinced that anyone making mince pie or plum pudding during the holiday season would "surely be cursed by God for eternity"! They went so far as to outlaw the color of Green, the color of holly & ivy, as these were "unmistakably signs of the devil at work", originating in pagan celebrations.

The laws of that New England area making children attend school on Christmas Day remained on the books until 1856 when at last Christmas became a Happy Holiday for young & old!

"The Survival of Thomas Thachen"

Our Ancestor was Thomas T., he came from England's shores
With his Good Uncle Anthony - our American Progenitors.

Poor Anthony lost his children on Cape Ann's rocky course;
Young Thomas was not on that banque - instead, he rode a horse!

From Ipswich down to Manblehead, which was their destination,
He rode to find his uncle who it seemed God had forsaken.

Our Thomas lived that we might be born in this Great Nation!
Lets Live to show Old Thomas T. we're proud to be relations!

A Christmas Poem by Nancy T. Walkowski, Dec. 1988

IN MEMORIAM

E. HOWARD THACHER
July 14, 1921 - November 20, 1990

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Dear THACHER Cousins,

Enclosed find Subscription Renewal information slips for the coming year. I hope to hear from YOU!

Also enclosed is a revised THACHER QUARTERLY SUBSCRIBERS ANCESTRY chart - Chart No. 1: The Yarmouth Branch and Chart No. 2: The Boston Branch, revised February 1991.

WELCOME NEW SUBSCRIBERS! We are now 32! Our newest subscriber is already known to some of you through the ancestor record pages he sent to Thachers several years ago: Dr. James Thatcher Shaw of Logan, Utah.

In this our 6th issue of the Thacher Quarterly, we'll be left wondering over the outcome of the terrible tempest off the coast of New England on August 14/15, 1635, until the next issue No. 7!

Since 5 of our subscribers are descendants of Anthony Thacher and also of the Howlands of the Mayflower, we'll be paying more visits to Plymouth in future issues.

We'll also hear more from the Mather family, close friends of Rev. Thomas Thacher and his family, of Boston.

Some of us are "Mayflower Descendants" through other family lines. JOHN REYNOLDS TOTTEN (page 6) was a desc't of William Brewster. I am a desc't. of PETER BROWNE. Desc'ts. of JOHN[4] THACHER & Desire (Sturgis) Dimmock are Howland desc'ts. thru her family. See Chart No. 1

If you have not sent charts or a list of your ancestry to me, we hope you will! I'll make copies to send to Cousin Jerry (Gerald A.) Corwin at Salt Lake City, Utah to be included the THACHER COMPUTER RECORD being compiled by him.

Lastly, we wish to extend a hearty WELCOME HOME to Americans who served in Saudi Arabia! If you know of any THACHERS who are still there, send names/addresses to the editor - we'll send Complimentary Copies (your choice or most recent issue) to them. We would be happy to send one Complimentary Copy to our members of the Armed Forces (Thachers, or related), where ever they may be!

Until the next issue,

Your Cousin,

Nancy

WELCOME HOME
AMERICANS!

THE ANCIENT HISTORY OF THE SURNAME THATCHER

From The Library Of
Hall Of Names
England
1984-1993

The history of the most ancient Anglo/ Saxon surname of Thatcher reaches far into the chronicles of the Saxon race. The Saxon Chronicle, compiled by monks in the 10th century, now reposes in the British Museum.

History researchers have examined reproductions of such ancient manuscripts as the Domesday Book (1086), the Ragman Rolls (1291-1296), the Regis Rolls, the Pipe Rolls, the Hearth Rolls, parish registers, baptismal, tax records and other ancient documents. They found the first record of the name Thatcher in Essex where they were seated from very ancient times before and after the Conquest in 1066.

Different spellings were encountered in the research of the surname. Throughout the centuries the surname, Thatcher, occurred in many records, manuscripts and docu-

ments but not always with the exact spelling. From time to time the surname was spelt Thatcher, Thacker, Thaxter, and these variations in spellings frequently occurred, even between father and son. Scribes and church officials, often traveling great distances, even from other countries, frequently spelt the names phonetic ally. As a result the same person would be recorded differently on birth, baptismal, marriage and death certificates as well as the other numerous records recording life's events.

The Saxon race gave birth to many English surnames not the least of which was the surname Thatcher. The Saxon were invited into England by the ancient Britons of the 4th century. A fair skinned people their home was the Rhine Valley, some as far northeast as Denmark. They were led by two brothers, General/Commanders Hengist and Horsa. The Saxons settled in the country of Kent on the south east coast of England. Gradually they spread north and westward, and during the next four hundred years forced the ancient Britons back into Wales and Cornwall in the west, and Cumberland to the north. The Angles occupied the eastern coast, the south folk in Suffolk, the north folk in Norfolk. Under Saxon rule England prospered under a se-

ries of High Kings, the last of which was Harold.

In 1066, the Norman invasion from France occurred and their victory at the Battle of Hastings.

In 1070, Duke William took an army of 40,000 north and wasted the northern counties, forcing many rebellious Norman nobles and Saxons to flee over the border into Scotland. Meanwhile, the Saxons who remained in the south were not treated well under hostile Norman rule, and many also moved, northward to the midlands, Lancashire and Yorkshire away from the Norman oppression.

Nevertheless, this notable English family name, Thatcher emerged as an influential name in the county of Essex. By the 13th century they had branched to Ringmer in Sussex. They also branched to Minchall Hall in Staffordshire and intermarried with the distinguished family of Fryer in Staffordshire, and to Repton Priory in Derby shire, a grant made by King Henry VIII. Also they settled at Heage in the same shire. Notable amongst the family at this time was Thatcher of Essex.

The surname Thatcher flourished during the turbulent middle ages, contributing greatly to the cultural development of England. During the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries England was ravaged by plagues, famine, and religious conflict. Protestantism, the newly found political fervour of Cromwellianism and democratic government, and the remnants of the Roman Church rejected all non believers, each jealously claiming adherents to their own cause. The changing rule caused burnings, hangings and banishments of all sects and creeds, first one then the other. Many families were freely encouraged to migrate to Ireland, or to the colonies. Some were rewarded with grants of lands, others were banished.

Some families were forced to migrate to Ireland where they became known as the Adventurers for land in Ireland. Protestant settlers undertook to keep their faith, being granted lands previously owned by the Catholic Irish. In Ireland the name became treated as Thacker, and Thomas Thacker was a Captain of Foot in Belfast.

The New World offered better opportunities and some migrated voluntarily, some were banished mostly for religious reasons.

Some left Ireland disillusioned with promises unfilled, but many left directly from England, their home territories. Some also moved to the European continent.

Members of the family name Thatcher sailed aboard the huge armada of three masted sailing ships known as the Whited Sails which plied the stormy Atlantic. These overcrowded ships such as the Hector, the Dove and the Rambler were pestilence ridden, sometimes 30 to 40 percent of the passenger list never reaching their destination.

Amongst the first settlers in North America, which could be considered a kinsman of the surname Thatcher or a variable spelling of that family name was Francis Thatcer settled in the Barbados in 1678 with his wife Mary and son Samuel, Joe and Mary Thatcher settled in Virginia in 1635; Sylvester Thatcher settled in Virginia in 1635; Oxenbridge Thatcher settled in Boston in 1716 with his servant; Thomas Tha cher settled in Boston, Massachusetts in 1635, he was from Milton, Clevedon England. Samuel and Mary Thaxter and their five children settled in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1820, Thomas Thaxter settled in Hingham in 1630; John Thacher settled in

Jamaica in 1686; Elijah Thacher settled in Boston, Massachusetts in 1767 with his servant.

From the port to entry many settlers made their way west, joining the wagon trains to the prairie on to the west coast. During the American War of Independence, many loyalists made their way north to Canada about 1790, and became known as the United Empire Loyalists.

Contemporary notables of the surname, Thatcher, include many distinguished contributors, Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of England; Arthur Thatcher, Statistician; Sidney Thaxter, Lawyer; Henry Thacker, of Petersburg Virginia; John Thacher, Museum Director New York City; Professor Thomas Thacker; Nicholas Thacker, American Diplomat.

During the course of research it was also determined the many Coat of Arms granted to different branches of the family name.

The most ancient grant of a Coat of Arms found was:

Red with a silver cross, and on a gold stripe at the top three grasshoppers.

The Crest was: A Saxon sword.

THE ANCIENT HISTORY
OF THE
SURNAME THATCHER

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ANTHONY[2] THACHER (1588-1667) & 2) Elizabeth Jones

Col. JOHN[3] THACHER
(c1638-1713)
m. 1) Rebecca Winslowe, d/o Josiah
Ch: Peter 1665, JOSIAH[4] 1667, Rebecca 1669, Bethia 1671, John 1674, Eliz. 1674, Hannah 1677, Mary 1679, Child c1683 d.

JUDAH[3] THACHER
(c1640-)
m. Mary Thornton
Ch: Eliz. 1667, Thomas 1669, Mary 1671, Judah d., Ann 1674, Judah 1676.

BETHIAH[3] THACHER HOWLAND
(c1645-)
m. Jabez Howland

m. 2) Lydia Gorham, d/o Capt. John Gorham & Desire Howland, d/o John Howland of the Mayflower.
Ch: Lydia c1685, Mary c1685, Desire 1688, Hannah 1690, Mercy 1692 d., JUDAH[4] 1693, Mercy 1695, ANN[4] 1697, Joseph 1699, Benjamin 1701, Mercy 1703, Thomas 1705.

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(1667-)

JOSIAH[5] THACHER
(1701-17 ?)

DANIEL[6] THACHER
(1739??-1776)

Rev. WILLIAM[7] THACHER
(1769-1856)

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(1809-1893)

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*CAROL[10] (THACHER) VAN EVERA
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(1782-)

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(1807-)

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(1857-)

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(1750-1798)

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(1816-)

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(c1740-)

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REV. THOMAS[3] THACHER (1620-1678) & 1) Elizabeth (Partridge) Kemp

THOMAS[4] THACHER (1644-1668) m. Mary Savage
Ch: Eliz. 1671-79, Thos 1673, John 1675, Peter 1677, Mary 1680.

REV. RALPH[4] THACHER (1648-1733) m. Ruth Partridge
Ch: Thos. 1670, Eliz. 1672, Anna 1673-80, Ruth 1675, Rodolphus 1677, Lydia 1679, Mary 1681, Anna 1683, PETER[5] 1686.

REV. PETER[4] THACHER (1651-1727) m. 1) Theodora Oxenbridge
Ch: Theodora 1678, Bathsheba 1680, Oxenbridge 1681, Eliz. 1682, Mary 1685, Thos. 1686, PETER[5] 1688, John 1691, Thos. 1693, John 1701.

PATIENCE KEMP (adopted)

ELIZABETH[4] (THACHER) DAVENPORT
no children

PETER[5] THACHER (1686-1766) & Abigail Hibbard

JOHN[6] THACHER (1739-1805) & Abigail Swift

PETER[7] THACHER (1770-1849)

PETER[8] THACHER (1808-1888)

JAMES[9] THACHER (1849-1920)

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HARRIET[10] (SEYMOUR) TIMMONS (1856-1937)

DOROTHY L.[11] (TIMMONS) BAUDER (1887-1984)

*HARRIET S.[12] (BAUDER) MARTIN of Chesterfield MO

SAMUEL PRINCE[6] THACHER (1717-1795) & 2) Sarah Kent

JOHN OXENBRIDGE[7] THACHER (1765-1843)

THOMAS HINCKLEY[8] THACHER (1799-1860)

ALONZO[9] THACHER (1819-1885)

ELMER HOWARD[10] THACHER (1852-1930)

ELMER W.[11] THACHER (1883-1946)

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In this our 6th issue of the THACHER QUARTERLY, we will again quote from Cousin Carroll C. Thacher's one-time-only 350th Anniversary (1635-1985) publication THE FAMILY TIES AND TIMES:

MR. WILLIAM ELLIOT'S BARQUE MISSING

THACHER FAMILY FEARED DROWNED

"IPSWICH: AUGUST 15th, 1635. Last evening's terrifying storm of great and unbelievable force has brought fear and despair to local residents who saw Mr. William Elliot, sometime of New Sarum, and four mariners along with a party of eighteen members of one family by name of THACHER get under way four days ago on August 11th.

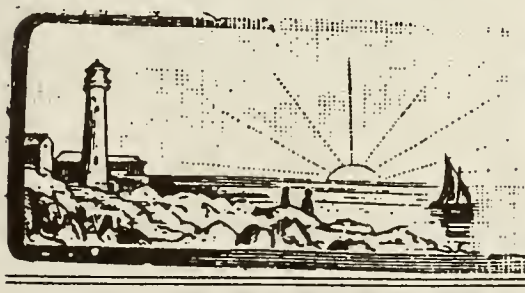
The port of call was to be Marblehead, but the magnitude of last night's winds and rain strike fear that the craft will not meet its destination.

In an earlier interview on August 10th, the day before getting under way when we spoke with the ship's Master, he happily and confidently looked forward to his journey to Marblehead. As we spoke, the Rev. ANTONY THACHER of Salisbury, England was putting along with his cousin, Rev. Joseph Avery and their families and Maid servants, all their worldly goods and provisions aboard. As the goods were being placed in the Pinnace, and the kind Reverend was embarking, we asked the usual questions of a well-skilled mariner, the Master, Mr. Elliot.

He expressed great confidence that his Barque was more than capable of handling this Cape Ann voyage, and that he was sure he would arrive in good stead within mere days, and quite handsomely ahead of schedule at that. He stated how proud he was of his fine vessel, since after all, she (the fair ship), was of Plymouth, where a short fifteen years ago the first Pilgrims did arrive. This small voyage around Cape Ann was to Elliot just another routine pleasure cruise. A sort of Milk-run you could say.

But, last evening's enormous tempest has struck fearful doubt in the very hearts and minds of many a stout soul here in busy Ipswich. We anxiously await word, from Marblehead or the Sea itself.

One more development, however: A boy, by the name of THOMAS, age 15, chose not to voyage by sea, but opted to hike by land. He is the nephew of the Rev. ANTONY THACHER. We hope and deeply pray that he has not fallen victim of hostile Indians."



MARBLEHEAD Sends out search party

MARBLEHEAD EXPECTS NEW PASTOR: Sends out search party

"Marblehead: August 15th, 1635. This good fishing town fears the worst and has this morning sent a search party out for those feared lost at sea.

A Mr. Elliot, sometime of New Sarum and four mariners were scheduled to arrive at this leading fishing port with a certain Rev. Joseph Avery who is due to preach here.

Last evening's outlandish and frightening upheaval of unusual rain and stormy gale force winds has caused a great deal of worry and concern to local residents and town officials.

Although the Pinnace, owned by the Captain Elliot, comes from the mighty first settlement of Plymouth, this weather we have just experienced is sure to sink any sound vessel.

Our fishing community needs desperately a new Pastor, and we did send a Mr. Cotton and Magistrates and Ministers to negotiate with Rev. Avery, who had sat down in the town of Newbury.

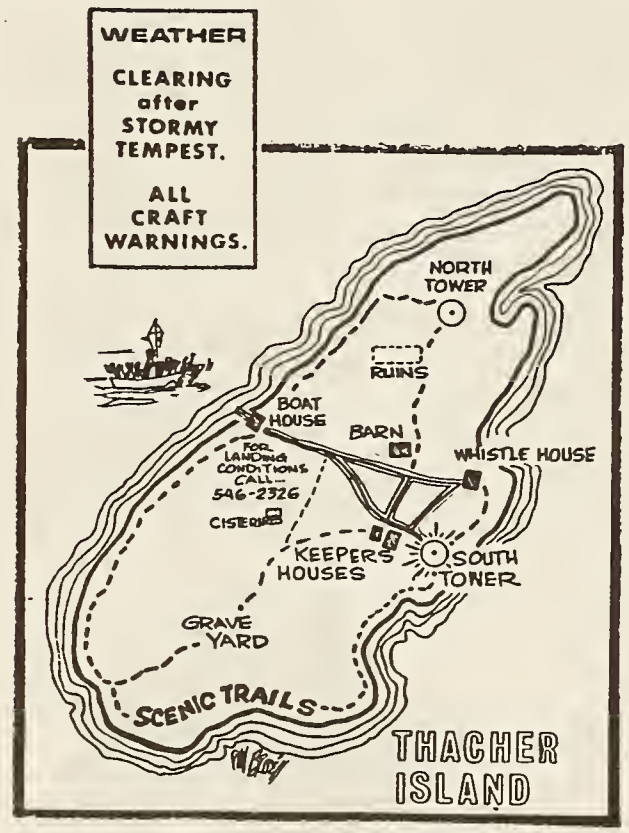
Although we have as yet no Church planted here in Marblehead, we do in time intend certainly to have one such, so that our community involved in the trade of fishing will not drift into behavior that would be loose and remiss.

Mr. Cotton exclaimed, "We believe that we are blessed because we feel that Rev. Avery will be an ideal choice to lead us all in prayer and worship".

It is believed that along with Rev. Avery, his wife, children and Maid servant, a certain cousin, a Rev. ANTONY THACHER, his wife and his fine children accompany the Captain and crew of the missing craft.

Rev. Avery and Rev. THACHER of the town of Salisbury, England have just newly arrived on the ship "James" of London, from Southampton, England, having set sail from there on the 6th of April, 1635, and arrived north of here at the town of Ipswich on June 4th.

A nephew of Rev. THACHER, THOMAS, 15, arrived here in Marblehead along with a Man-servant, a Mr. Peter Higden this morning. Both expressed their concern and a very grave worry in regards to the overdue vessel mastered by Mr. Elliot. Hence our concern likewise. The rescue party is underway at this very writing. We await word from the Sea."



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"THE FAMILY TIES & TIMES."

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(Pictures that are seen in this publication are not accurate but are as close to the period as possible. We hope, with this news copy, only to bring our family closer together in some way, and to bring to our own youth some hope and guidance.)

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A True Tale of Woe:

The Letter

By Antony Thacher

THACHER'S NARRATIVE OF HIS SHIPWRECK

"I must turn my drowned pen and shaking hand to indite the story of such sad news as never before this happened in New-England.

There was a league of perpetual friendship between my cousin Avery[1] and myself, never to forsake each other to the death, but to be partakers of each other's misery of welfare, as also of habitation, in the same place. Now upon our arrival in New England[2], there was an offer made to us. My cousin Avery was invited to Marble-head[3], to be their pastor in due time; there being no church planted there as yet, but a town appointed to set up the trade of fishing."

notes

1. "This Mr. Avery was a precious, holy minister, who came out of England with Mr. Anthony Thacher." Increase Mather's note. His baptismal name was John. Winthrop calls him "a minister in Wiltshire, a godly man." Winthrop, i.165.
2. They came in the James, from Southampton, which arrived at Boston, June 3. See Winthrop, i. 161; Mass. Hist. Coll. xxviii. 319.
3. Marblehead was not set off from Salem till 1649. See note[4] p. 244 & p. 410.

"Because many there (the most being fishermen) were something loose and remiss in their behaviour, my cousin Avery was unwilling to go thither; and so refusing, we went to Newberry[1] intending there to sit down. But being solicited so often by the men of the place and by the magistrates, and by Mr. Cotton, and most of the ministers, who alleged what a benefit we might be to the people there, and also to the country and commonwealth, at length we embraced it, and thither consented to go. They of Marble-head forthwith sent a pinnace[2] for us and our goods.

We embarked at Ipswich August 11, 1635, with our families and substance, bound for Marble-head, we being in all twenty-three souls, viz., eleven[3] in my cousin's family, seven[4] in mine, and one Mr. William Eliot, sometimes of New Sarum, and four mariners. The next morning, having commended ourselves to God, with cheerful hearts, we hoisted sail."

notes

1. See note[1] page 411. (Young's CHRONICLES OF MASSACHUSETTS)
2. Winthrop i. 165, says that this was "a bark of Mr. Allerton's." Isaac Allerton was one of the Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth in the Mayflower. Moses Maverick of Marblehead, married his daughter Sarah. See Chronicles of Plymouth p. 195 and Mass. Hist. Coll. xxvii 243-249, 301-304.
3. Mr. Avery, his wife, a maid-servant and "six small children," Winthrop i. 165.
4. Besides himself and his wife and four children, there was probably his servant, or journeyman, Peter Higden, who came over with him from England. MHC xxviii 319.

"But the Lord suddenly turned our cheerfulness into mourning and lamentations. For on the 14th of August, 1635, about ten at night, having a fresh gale of wind, our sails being old and done, were split. The mariners, because that it was night, would not put to new sails, but resolved to cast anchor till the morning. But before daylight, it pleased the Lord to send so mighty a storm, as the like was never known in New-England since the English came, nor in the memory of any of the Indians[1]. It was so furious, that our anchor came home. Whereupon the mariners let out more cable, which at last slipped away. Then our sailors knew not what to do; but we were driven before the wind and waves."

1. See note[1] on page 473. (Young's Chronicles of Mass.)

"My cousin and I perceived our danger, and solemnly recommended ourselves to God, the Lord of both earth and seas, expecting with every wave to be swallowed up and drenched in the deeps. Turn the page...

Continued from page 3: "And as my cousin, his wife, and my tender babes sat comforting and cheering one the other in the Lord against ghastly death, which every moment stared us in the face and sat triumphing upon each one's forehead, we were by the violence of the waves and fury of the winds, (by the Lord's permission,) lifted up upon a rock between two high rocks, yet all was one rock.

But it raged with the stroke, which came into the pinnace, so as we were presently up to our middles in water, as we sat. The waves came furiously and violently over us, but by reason of the rock's proportion, could not lift us off, but beat her all to pieces.

Now, look with me upon our distress, and consider of my misery, who beheld the ship broken, the water in her, and violently overwhelming us, my goods and provisions swimming in the seas, my friends almost drowned, and mine own poor children so untimely (if I may so term it without offence,) before mine eyes drowned, and ready to be swallowed up and dashed to pieces against the rocks by the merciless waves, and myself ready to accompany them. But I must go on to an end of this woful relation.

In the same room whereas he sat, the master of the pinnace, not knowing what to do, our foremast was cut down, our mainmast broken in three pieces, the fore part of the pinnace beat away, our goods swimming about the seas, my children bewailing me, as not pitying themselves, and myself bemoaning them, poor souls, whom I had occasioned to such an end in their tender years, whenas they could scarce be sensible of death.

"And so likewise my cousin, his wife and children; and both of us bewailing each other in our Lord and only Saviour Jesus Christ, in whom we had comfort and cheerfulness; insomuch that, from the greatest to the least of us, there was not one screech or outcry made; but all, as silent as sheep, were contentedly resolved to die together lovingly, as since our acquaintance we had lived together friendly.

Now as I was sitting in the cabin room door, with my body in the room, when lo! one of the sailors, by a wave being washed out of the pinnace, was gotten in again, and coming into the cabin room over my back, cried out, "We are all cast away. The Lord have mercy upon us! I have been washed overboard into the sea, and am gotten in again."

His speeches made me look forth. And looking towards the sea, and seeing how we were, I turn- turned myself to my cousin, and the rest, and spake these words; "O cousin, it hath pleased God to cast us here between two rocks, the shore is not far from us, for I saw the tops of trees, when I looked forth."

Whereupon the master of the pinnace, looking up at the scuttle hole of the quarter deck,went out at it; but I never saw him afterwards. Then he that had been in the sea, went out again by me. and leaped overboard towards the rocks, whom afterwards also I could not see.

Now none were left in the bark, that I knew or saw, but my cousin, his wife and children, myself and mine, and his maid-servant. But my cousin thought I would have fled from him, and said unto me, "O cousin, leave us not, let us die together;" and reached forth his hand unto me. Then I, letting go my son Peter's hand, took him by the hand. and said. "Cousin, I purpose it not. Whither shall I go? I am willing and ready here to die with you and my poor children. God be merciful to us, and receive us to himself;" adding these words, "the Lord is able to help and deliver us." He replied, saying, "Truth, cousin; but what his pleasure is, we know not. I fear we have been too unthankful for former deliverances. But he hath promiced to deliver us from sin and condemnation, and to bring us safe to heaven through the all-sufficient satisfaction of Jesus Christ. This therefore we may challenge of Him." To which I replying said, "That is all the deliverance I now desire and expect."

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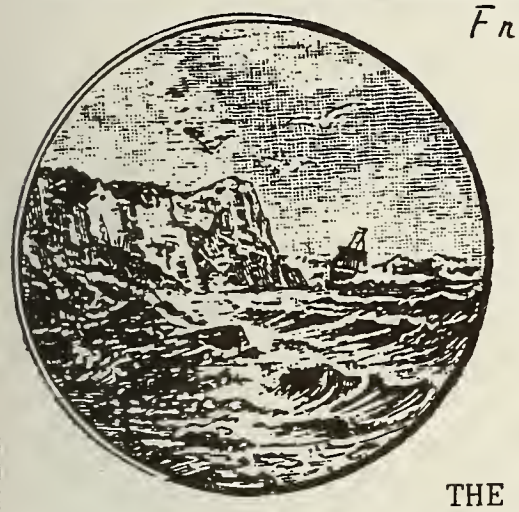

From The Journal of Rev. Richard Mather
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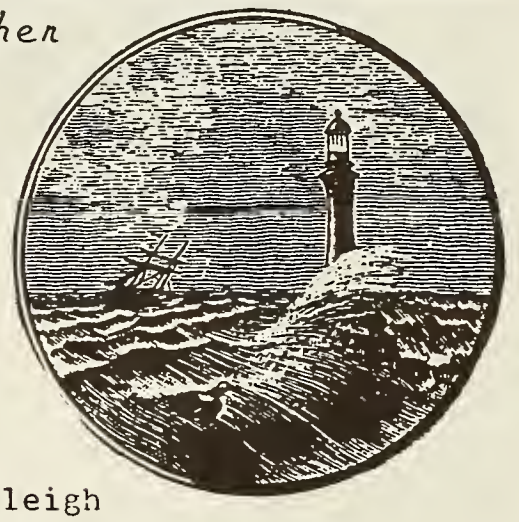

THE ANGEL GABRIEL was built for Sir Walter Raleigh who doubtless made his last voyage 1617-18 to Guiana, S.A. in the same ship that crossed the Atlantic in 1635, commanded by Capt. Andrews. They were detained many days after going aboard on May 23, for lack of wind, so that not until June 4 did they actually set sail from Bristol.

On the same day another vessel, THE JAMES, sailed having on board emigrants for America, among whom was REV. RICHARD MATHER, fleeing religious intolerance in England. He became the minister of Dorchester in the Colony of Massachusetts. He was the father of REV. INCREASE MATHER, D.D., President of Harvard College, and grandfather of REV. COTTON MATHER, minister of Boston and author of MAGNALIA CHRISTI AMERICANA.

The vessels kept company for about two weeks, having touched at Milford Haven, South Wales and put to sea again on June 22. They became separated, but arrived at about the same time on the coast of New England. The JAMES lay at anchor off the Isles of Shoals, and the ANGEL GABRIEL off Pemaquid, Maine, where the great storm and gale of August 15, 1635 struck them. THE JAMES was torn from her anchors and obliged to put to sea, but after two days of terrible battling with storm and wave, reached Boston Harbor with "her sails rent in sunder and split in pieces, as if they had been rotten rags." The passengers of the JAMES landed in Boston August 17, having been 12 weeks and 2 days on the passage.

The ANGEL GABRIEL fared still worse. "The storm was frightful at Pemaquid, the wind blowing from the northeast, the tide rising to a very unusual height, in some places more than twenty feet right up and down; this was succeededby another and unaccountable wave still higher." The ANGEL GABRIEL became a total wreck, passengers, cattle and goods were all cast upon the angry waves. Three or four passengers and one seaman perished.

REV RICHARD MATHER: "The ship JAMES was commanded by Captayne Taylor who went aboard the ANGEL GABRIEL at Bristol on May 27, 1635 while still at anchor. When we came there we found divers passengers and among them some godly Christians that were glad to see us there." The next day still being detained "the master of the ANGEL GABRIEL and some passengers came aboard our ship and desired to have our company."

June 4: "the wind serving us we set sayle: The ANGEL GABRIEL 240 tunne, the JAMES 220 tunne. The ANGEL GABRIEL is a strong ship & well furnished and therefore our seamen rather desired her company; but yet she is slow in sailing and we went sometimes with three sayles less than we might have done, y' so we might not overgoe her."

June 29: "Captayne Taylor went on board y' ANGEL GABRIEL and found there had been much seasickness and two cases of small pockes well recovered again. We were intreated to stay supp."

July 4: "This day y' sea was very rough and we saw y' truth of y' Scripture, Ps. cvii. Some were very seasicke. This day we lost sight of the ANGEL sayling slowly behind us, and we never saw her again any more."

Aug. 14: "While ancored at the Ile of Shoales - y' Lord sent forth a most terrible storme of raine and easterly wind, whereby we were in as much danger as I thinke people ever were." "And y' ANGEL GABRIEL at Pemaquid, was burst in pieces & cast away in y' storm - but y' JAMES were all preserved alive, viz: 100 passengers, 23 seamen, 23 cowes, 3 calves & mares."

"The LORD'S NAME be blessed forever."

"The ANGEL GABRIEL was the only vessel which miscarried with passengers from old England to New, so signally did the Lord in his providence watch over the plantation of New England."

WERE there TWO ships called "The James of London"? See QUERIES Page 8

JOHN REYNOLDS TOTTEN, F.G.B.S.

A PREFACE by Elwood J. Thacher
From "THOMAS THACHER, THE BOSTON BRANCH", Vol. 1, p. 9

"About 1910, Mr. JOHN REYNOLDS TOTTEN, as a member of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society compiled a genealogy of the Yarmouth branch of the THACHER-THATCHER family.

He himself was a part of the THACHER family on his mother's side, she being Julia Hubble (Thacher) Totten (1823-1906), wife of Lieut. James Totten (1818-1871), U. S. Army.

Because of his interest in his family and genealogy, he began the task of compiling his family, the Yarmouth branch of the THACHER-THATCHER families for the New York Gen. & Biogr. Record, in 34 parts, to about 1918.

In this genealogy, Mr. Totten commended highly the help of all the THACHERS and was particularly appreciative to the Hon. PETER[8] THACHER (1810-1894) of W. Newton, Mass., who for many years devoted much time & money in endeavoring to clear up the record of the Yarmouth-Boston branches of the THACHER family, as well as to collect a definite record of THACHERS in the United States.

Mr. JOHN REYNOLDS TOTTEN was an ardent student of genealogy and an outstanding gentleman in the minds of many and particularly so to all the THACHER-THATCHER families in America who refer to and study his compilations with interest and respect.

In memory of CAPTAIN JOHN REYNOLDS TOTTEN we include [excerpts of] a biography of his life as contributed by Howard S.F. Randolph, F.G.B.S., Los Gatos, California.

JOHN REYNOLDS TOTTEN 1856-1936

"CAPTAIN JOHN REYNOLDS TOTTEN, Editor of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, First Fellow, Life Member and Ex-Trustee of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, died at his home, 1165 Fifth Avenue, New York City on Saturday, February 1, 1936."

Through his mother, Captain Totten was descended fron the REV. PETER[1] THACHER of England, his emigrant ancestor being ANTHONY[2] THACHER.

He was educated at the Episcopal Academy, Cheshire, CT, and at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He graduated 9th in his class in 1878. Upon graduation he was made a 2nd Lieutenant in the First Infantry, stationed at West Point, South Dakota, California, Virginia , Maine and Rhode Island. He was professor of modern language at West Point 1884 and promoted to a First Lieutenancy in the Fourth Artillary in 1886. He resigned in 1891.

After retirement he devoted his leisure to the pursuit of genealogy. He was elected a Trustee of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society in 1906 serving for 28 years. He was also the first person to be recognized by the bestowal of the Fellowship of the Society in 1924, and to no one was it more fittingly given.

The writings of Captain Totten on genealogical subjects were extremely numerous and varied. Perhaps the most extensive was his manuscript of the THACHER-THATCHER family, part of which was published serially in the Record from 1910-1931. The rest of the manuscript is now part of the manuscript collections of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society.

JOHN REYNOLDS TOTTEN was the grandson of ANTHONY[7] THACHER (1782-1844) & Lucretia C.Mumford. His great grandparents were CAPT. JOHN[6] THACHER (1742-1805) & 2) Mehitable (Ufford) Thompson. Capt. John[6] THACHER'S father was CAPT. JOSIAH[5] THACHER who married 1st Ann Burne. Josiah's[5] parents were DEACON JOSIAH[4] THACHER & Mary Hedge. Capt. Josiah (SR.) was a son of COL. JOHN THACHER & 1) Rebecca Winslow. JOHN'S father was ANTHONY[2] THACHER of Yarmouth and his 2nd wife, Elizabeth Jones. [Find JOHN R. TOTTEN on enclosed Chart No. 1]

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CAPE ANN LIGHT, MASSACHUSETTS

The first twin-light station in America was erected in 1768 at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The second, erected in 1771, was the CAPE ANN LIGHT, situated off Rockport on Thacher Island. This island was the scene of a terrible shipwreck during the New England Hurricane of August 14, 1635. The island was granted to the only survivors of the tragedy, Anthony Thacher and his wife, and became known as Thacher's Woe.

In 1717, Thacher heir, John Appleton of Ipswich, sold the island of approximately 30 acres, for 100 pounds to the Rev. John White.

In 1726 the island was sold to Joseph Allen, Jr. who owned it at his death in 1750.

In 1777, the province of Massachusetts Bay Council bought the boulder-strewn island for 500 pounds and built 2 lighthouse towers, 300 yards apart which were first lighted on Dec. 21, 1777.

Captain Kirkwood was the first keeper, but, being a Tory, was removed from the island by Minute Men early in the Revolutionary War. The lights remained dark during that war.

Capt. Joseph Sayward was keeper 1792-1814, when he was succeeded by Aaron Wheeler who served for 20 years and cleared a path between the towers. His service was followed by Charles Wheeler until 1856.

In 1860 the new 124 ft. granite towers were built by the Federal govt. and fitted with Fresnel lenses.

A Civil War veteran named Bray was appointed in 1865. On the day before Christmas he took ashore his assistant for medical attention. A heavy snow storm came up and he could not return, leaving his wife and two babies alone. She kept the lights burning in the two towers until her husband was able to return on Christmas morning in the blinding storm only because of her efforts.

In 1891, an assistant keeper, Mr. John Farley was killed while landing at the station in heavy seas. In 1919, President Wilson was returning from Europe on the S.S.America, when the great vessel narrowly escaped the rocks on the island in a fog. Only the fog horn, heard at the last minute, enabled the captain to change his course in time.

In 1932 the light on the north tower was discontinued, and that in the southeast tower was electrified by a 6000 ft. submarine cable to the mainland.

A gray stone tower, 166 ft. above the water now houses the 160,000 candlepower electric light, visable for 19 miles. An air-diaphone fog signal is also located at the station.

From: "American Twin Lights - Sentinels from the Past" by Elinor DeWire; "National Register of Historic Places" 1974.

WERE THERE TWO SHIPS CALLED "THE JAMES OF LONDON"? (See page 5) If ANTONY THACHER set sail on the "JAMES of London" leaving Southampton, England on April 6th, 1635 and arriving in New England on June 4th, 1635, and Rev. Richard Mather embarked from Bristol, Eng. on "The Ship, JAMES of London" on June 4th, 1635, arriving in New England, August 15, 1635, we may indeed conclude that there were two ships called "JAMES" that crossed the Atlantic in 1635! Note that the captain of the former was "Captain Mr. William Cooper" and the latter was a"Captayne Taylor". Any information verifying this would be appreciated by the editor who wishes correspondence on this topic. N.T.W.

"MRS. CASEY THATCHER, a 90 year old, went to Carlisle, Kentucky the other day to draw her pension. She walked 12 miles and seemed no more exhausted than a woman of 30 would have been. She walks to town at least once a week."
Quoted from "Qui Vive", page 6 of Jan. 1894, Vol. L, No. 4, published by the Literary Society of the Windsor Collegiate Institute, Windsor, Ontario. Sent by Mr. H. Thompson Stock of Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, a Detroit/Windsor genealogist & friend of the Editor. Please write if you have info on above Mrs. Casey Thatcher. N.T.W.

WHO WAS APOSTLE MOSES THATCHER? Apparently from Utah, the town of THATCHER, Arizona was named after him! Write to the Editor!

"POWER BEHIND THRONES" (from a 1990 newspaper) "Behind every successful woman is a man who gets a lot of ribbing. Just ask MAGGIE THATCHER'S mate, DENIS. So it makes sense that husbands of powerful females have banded together to form the DENIS THATCHER SOCIETY, named after the British Prime Minister's self-effacing spouse, and proudly living up to its motto, "Yes, Dear." Members bask in the achievements of their wives."

EDITOR SEEKS ANCESTRY OF DENIS THATCHER who stated in a letter to Friend of the THACHERS, Mr. Gordon Moore of Queen Camel, Somerset, Eng., that he is "of The BERKSHIRE THATCHERS"! Write to the Editor! (Nancy Walkowski, 4611 Balfour, Detroit, MI 48224)

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1635 MEANWHILE, AT PLYMOUTH . . . 1635

PLYMOUTH, MASS. August 1635: *Desire Howland* was a maid of about ten years of age in Aug. of 1635. Born probably at Plymouth, she was the eldest child of JOHN HOWLAND (1592-1672) and his fellow Mayflower passenger, Elizabeth Tilley (1607-1687).

Several THACHER lines can trace their ancestry to DESIRE HOWLAND and her husband, Captain JOHN GORHAM (c1620-c1675), a young lad of about 15 years in 1635. He, too, may have come to New England in the summer of 1635 on the ship, Philip.

The 10th child (of 12) of JOHN & DESIRE (HOWLAND) GORHAM was LYDIA GORHAM (1661-1744) born at Barnstable. She married as his 2nd wife (1683/4) COL. JOHN^{3}THACHER (c1638/9-1713) at Yarmouth. He was a son of ANTONY^{2}THACHER (1588-1767) & his 2nd wife, Elizabeth Jones.

COL. JOHN^{3} THACHER had married 1st REBECCA WINSLOWE (1643-c1683), a daughter of JOSIAH & Margaret (Bourne) WINSLOWE. Their 5th child (of 9), JOHN^{4} THACHER (1674-1764) married DESIRE (STURGIS) DIMMOCK (c1666-1749), daughter of TEMPERANCE (GORHAM) STURGIS (1646-1714) the 2nd child of CAPT. JOHN & DESIRE (HOWLAND) GORHAM. [From "John Howland" by E.P.White]

COL. JOHN THACHER & his two wives had a total of 21 children - all Mayflower descendants!

We'll celebrate Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims in the Autumn Issue!

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Dear Thacher Cousins,

Have just received very exciting news from Gordon Moore in Queen Camel, Somerset, England, deserving of special notice. Following is Gordon's letter to your editor, and accompanying news article from The Western Gazette, April 18, 1991... N.T.W.

"Dear Nancy, 16th May, 1991

I have just heard from Elwood (Thacher) and he has given me the 'go ahead' to let you have all the information about his project.

Briefly, what happened was that, when Elwood was over here in July, 1987 he said that he would like to have something in St. Barnabas Church, Queen Camel in memory of Revd. Peter Thacher and suggested that I give him some ideas. This I did during 1988, and from the list of ideas, he chose to have a chapel created. This met with the approval of the Church Council and also the Diocesan Archdeacon, so we got the Church Architect to draw up some plans and prepare an estimate. When that stage had been completed, I sent the plans and estimate to Elwood who sent me a cheque, by return, to cover the whole project.

1991 is our 700th anniversary year - the first mention of a church here was when it was valued in Rymer's Foedera in 1291 at 20 marks. In old English money that was 13 shillings and 4 pence - or 67 pence in present sterling - (about 1.14!) We thought it might be a good idea to hold the chapel dedication on the Sunday nearest to St. Barnabas Day and celebrate the 700th anniversary at the same time. When I told Elwood he said, "I'm coming to celebrate with you!" His youngest son, Thomas, from Virginia is coming with him.

The creation of the chapel involves moving two pews and an altar frontal chest, also moving one of the heaters and the hot water piping feeding it. The old piscena, which had been badly damaged - probably in Cromwell's time (mid 1600s), is being restored, the pews in that part of the church have been fitted with under seat heating. The new altar, cross, candlesticks and bookstand have been made by local craftsmen and these will be backed by a curtain drop.

All will be ready for 9th June when the service will be conducted by the former Bishop of Southampton, the Right Rev'd. David Cartwright. Afterwards we are having a Parish Lunch for about 150 (there should be over 200 at the dedication service). Elwood and Thomas will, of course, be honoured guests. They will be arriving here on 7th June and staying untill the 11th June. As you can imagine, this will be a great day for St. Barnabas Church!

I am enclosing a cutting from our local Western Gazette which you may find interesting. Unfortunately, the reporter has used 'journalistic licence' and given YOUR JOB to Elwood! I hope you will accept my apologies on their behalf."

Sincere Regards,

Gordon

Special 3-page BULLETIN, May 26, 1991
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St. Barnabas' Church.

1291-1991

"Piscena" Drawing by Ian Honey
1983

From: "Queen Camel - Our Royal Heritage"
by Gordon Moore, 1983 - Illustrated by Ian Honey

THE CHANCEL: At the east end of the nave is the largepanelled arch leading into the chancel, typical of the later arches of Somerset churches. The east window is unusually tall and is late perpendicular (c 1476-99). The barrel roof is embossed in fine workmanship.

The PISCENA and Sedilia are both of very fine workmanship, but unfortunately the bowl of the Piscena is missing. It is probable that both of these items now preserved in the south chancel wall, came from the earlier church and can be dated before 1400.

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June 9th, 1991 - "the Sunday nearest St. Barnabas Day"
St. Barnabas Church, Queen Camel, Somerset

Also commemorating the service to St. Barnabas Church 1574-1624 of Rev. PETER[1] THACHER.

QUEEN CAMEL

Yeovil, Somerset,

England

Royal Heritage

QUEEN CAMEL
Yeovil, Somerset,
England

The Emblem of Queen Camel came into existence as recently as 1975. It was devised by the Parish Council, to provide a motif for the Chairman's Insignia of office. It was designed by Ian D. Honey, Headmaster of the Countess Cytha, County Primary School.

The shield of the badge contains the Arms of the Mildmay Family, Owners of Queen Camel for nearly four hundred years. In the top left (dexter) quarter, the three lions have been replaced by the Wessex Dragon on a golden ground. This signifies the connection with Godwin, Earl of Wessex, whose wife, Countess Gytha (mother of King Harold), owned the village in the reign of Edward The Confessor (1002? - 1066).

Above the Arms is a country scene with, in the background, the hill from which the name, CAMEL, was derived, St. Barnabas' Church which was built as a result of the prosperity of the Fourteenth Century wool trade - depicted by the sheep, the River Cam, and a sheaf of corn to record the agriculture bias over the centuries.

Above the shield is a golden crown to denote the royal (Queen) connection; and below it, are the flames to recall the fire of St. Barnabas' eve, 1639, which destroyed most of the Old Village.

Since the production of the Chairman's insignia, the design has been adopted for village use - perhaps, Queen Camel is the only village in the West Country to have its own ties and blazer badges.

Thacher dynasty alive and well

Western Gazette, 18th April, 1991

YEOVIL 16 MAY 1991 SOMERSET

A FAMOUS name will shortly be commemorated at Queen Camel when the Thachers of Britain and America will be linked in a memorial chapel at the 14th century St Barnabas church.

The Reverend Peter Thacher was vicar there between 1574 and 1624.

Now, an 80-year-old descendant, Elwood J Thacher of Florida, has traced his family line back to the 17th century.

"Mindful of his Somerset ancestors, Mr Thacher has now donated more than £8,000 to reconstruct an altar and its piscina in the south aisle in their memory," said churchwarden Gordon Moore.

The America-Queen Camel link was cemented six years ago when Mr Thacher gave £700 to the church's cobblestone appeal.

"The 600-year old carriageway leading to the church, as well as a 150-year-old footpath, both cobbled, were in desperate need of sympathetic rennovation," Mr Moore said.

"We held an appeal 'selling' cobblestones and certificates of ownership at £2 a time and I got in touch with the Thacher family then.

"Elwood sent enough money to sponsor a cobble for every year since Peter Thacher's son, Anthony, first set sail for the New World from Weymouth in 1635.

"I also wrote to Denis Thatcher, thinking there may well be a link.

"He wrote back saying that he wasn't sure, as his family trace back to Berkshire in the 1600s — but he still sent us a donation."

So inspired by his ancestoral discoveries was Elwood that he started to publish "Thacher Quarterly", to which members of his vast family from all over the United States subscribe.

The first issue traces the family's history of pastors, covering a period of 227 years, starting with the Rev. Peter Thacher at Queen Camel.

A letter from Anthony to his brother, the Rev Peter Thatcher in Salisbury, relates a poignant incident in 1635 soon after Anthony, his wife and children had arrived in New England.

He and his cousin Avery had been invited to Marblehead to set up a church as the inhabitants, 'the most being fishermen, were something loose and remiss in their behaviour'.

Twenty-three family members set sail but 'before daylight it pleased the Lord to send so mighty a storm as the like was never known in New England since the English came.'

All but Anthony and his wife were drowned. They managed to escape to the island of Cape Ann, which from then on was named Thacher's Woe.

And it was in this way that the american Thacher dynasty was founded.

A special service of dedication is to be held at St. Barnabas church, when the new chapel is completed, on Sunday, 9 June. Elwood and his wife Fritzene will, of course, be there.

● **ABOVE: Elwood Thacher and wife Fritzene. RIGHT: A Thacher brochure bearing the family heraldry.**

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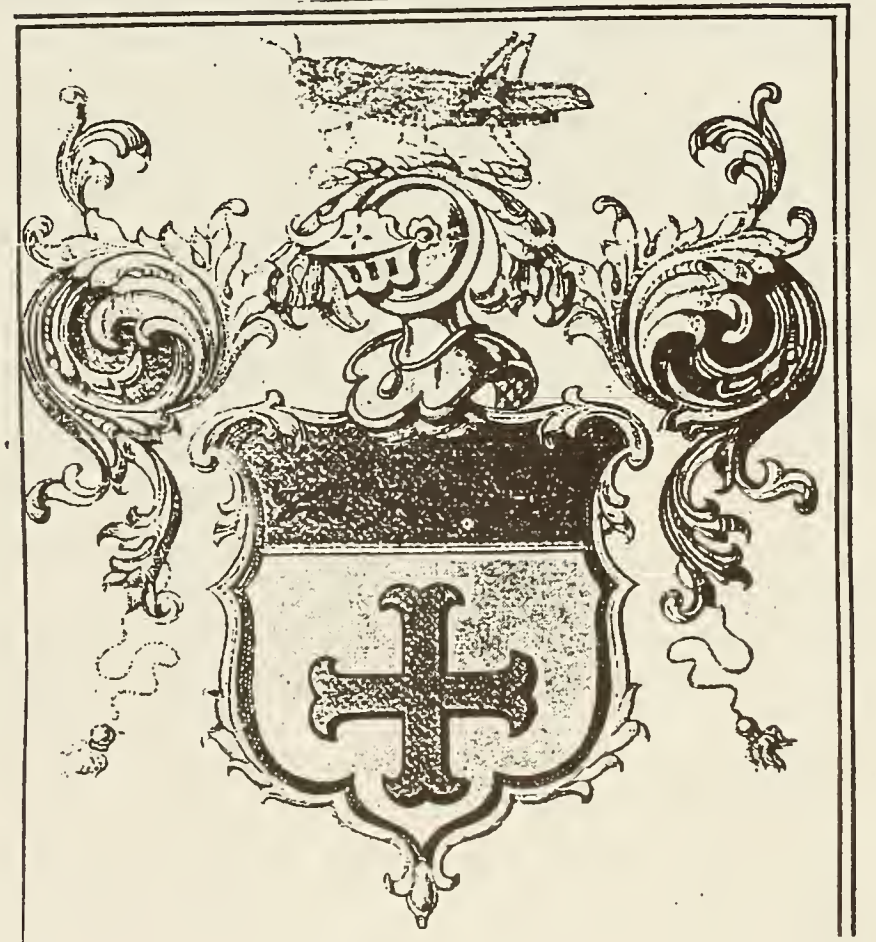
● ABOVE: Masthead of the Thacher Quarterly, which relates tales of Thacher history. BELOW: St Barnabas church warden Gordon Moore at the south aisle.



Thacher

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June 16, 1991

Dear Thacher Cousins & Friends,

The Thacher Family has two important days to remember during the summer months: The Anniversary of St. Barnabas Church, Queen Camel, Somerset, England in mid-June near St. Barnabas' Day, and the Anniversary of the celebrated shipwreck on Thacher Island, Cape Ann, Massachusetts, August 14/15.

In our 7th issue of The Thacher Quarterly, we've covered Part II of "Thacher Island: 350th Anniversary 1635-1985" and also, Part II of The Letter by Antony[2] Thacher, 1635, written to his brother, Rev. Peter[2] Thacher in Salisbury, England.

On May 26, your editor received news of the 700th Anniversary of St. Barnabas Church at Queen Camel, to be celebrated on Sunday, June 9th, 1991. In haste I assembled a rush "Thacher Bulletin" to inform subscribers of this exciting event. In the next issue, I hope to have more to tell you about the service and our Cousin, Elwood James[11] Thacher's visit to St. Barnabas with his son Thomas[12] Thacher.(They're desc'ts. of Rev. Thomas[3])

In this mailing a few of you will receive subscription renewal slips. We hope you will renew and join us for Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims in the next issue! In following issues we will review the children of Anthony Thacher, and then, begin coverage of The Boston Branch (MY ancestors!), following descendants through our American history. YOUR ancestors will be included! There is a multitude of material here, which will take several, if not more, years to cover!

We'd also like to hear about YOU and your activities! If you have an interesting relative, tell us about them or send photos & articles written by or about them!

Enclosed find copies of our ever-expanding Thacher Charts, #1 The Yarmouth Branch and #2 The Boston Branch! This time we've added some children of subscribers. If you have additions not included in your previously sent family history, please write to the editor! We'll work on adding as much as the paper will allow - and may have to go to two pages if need be.

I hope you have a nice summer and that I'll hear from you!

Your Cousin,

Nancy

THACHER QUARTERLY

No. 7, SUMMER 1991 THACHER ISLAND: 350th Anniversary 1635-1985

From A Commemorative Booklet by Elwood James[11] Thacher for The 350th Anniversary of the Shipwreck on Thacher Island, Massachusetts, 1635-1985:

"It was April 5th, 1635 when the Thacher family came to America on the ship, James -they arrived in New England on June 4th, 1635. ANTHONY[2]THACHER, his wife and his cousin Rev. Joseph Avery and their children sojourned at Ipswich and then at Newbury a short time before boarding the pinnace which was to take them to Marblehead where Rev. Avery had received a call to preach.

They hoisted sail the morning of August 12th and began their voyage. On August 14th at about ten o'clock at night a gale of wind split the ship's sails, and before daylight on August 15th a mighty storm developed as never before known in New England. A storm so furious that the ship's anchor came home.

The pinnace was driven ahead of the winds and waves until it was wedged between a large split rock and wrecked. All aboard were lost except Anthony[2]Thacher and his wife Elizabeth, who were washed up on the shore of a small island. Here they remained for five days until August 20th when they were rescued by the mariners of a passing boat. Anthony and his wife remained at Marblehead for some time. (Marblehead was not separated from Salem until 1649, so, tho they resided in Marblehead, they were in reality inhabitants of Salem, Mass.) They also resided briefly at Marshfield.

The entire episode of the shipwreck is best set forth in Anthony[2]Thacher's letter to his brother, Rev. Peter[2] Thacher in England, written a few days after August 20th, 1635 and printed on the following pages 4 & 5.

ANTHONY[2] THACHER removed to Yarmouth, Mass. and was one of the original grantees of the town of Yarmouth and one of the first settlers there. He established his house there in 1639, on the border of the meadows in the north-west part of the village. His homestead stood on a little knoll about midway between the residence (in 1872) of Mrs. James G. Hallett and that of Mr Dustin Eldridge at Yarmouthport.

It was also in 1639 that Anthony[2]Thacher became town clerk and treasurer of Yarmouth and remained in this capacity until his death in 1667. Records of The General Court of Plymouth, to which Anthony was a Deputy, show he was an active leader in early Yarmouth.

ANTHONY[2] THACHER died at Yarmouth, Mass. between June 30 & Aug. 22, 1667 and was buried on his own land, not far from the marsh by a little pear tree said to have been planted

Continued from page 1: ...by his own hands, which Alden in his "Epitaphs" states that the tree was standing in 1814. Swift in his "Old Yarmouth" states that the tree was standing in 1884. The general location of his resting place is therefore known. The exact spot has never been marked by a gravestone. It is assumed that Anthony's wife, Elizabeth, who died subsequent to 1667/8, was buried beside her husband.

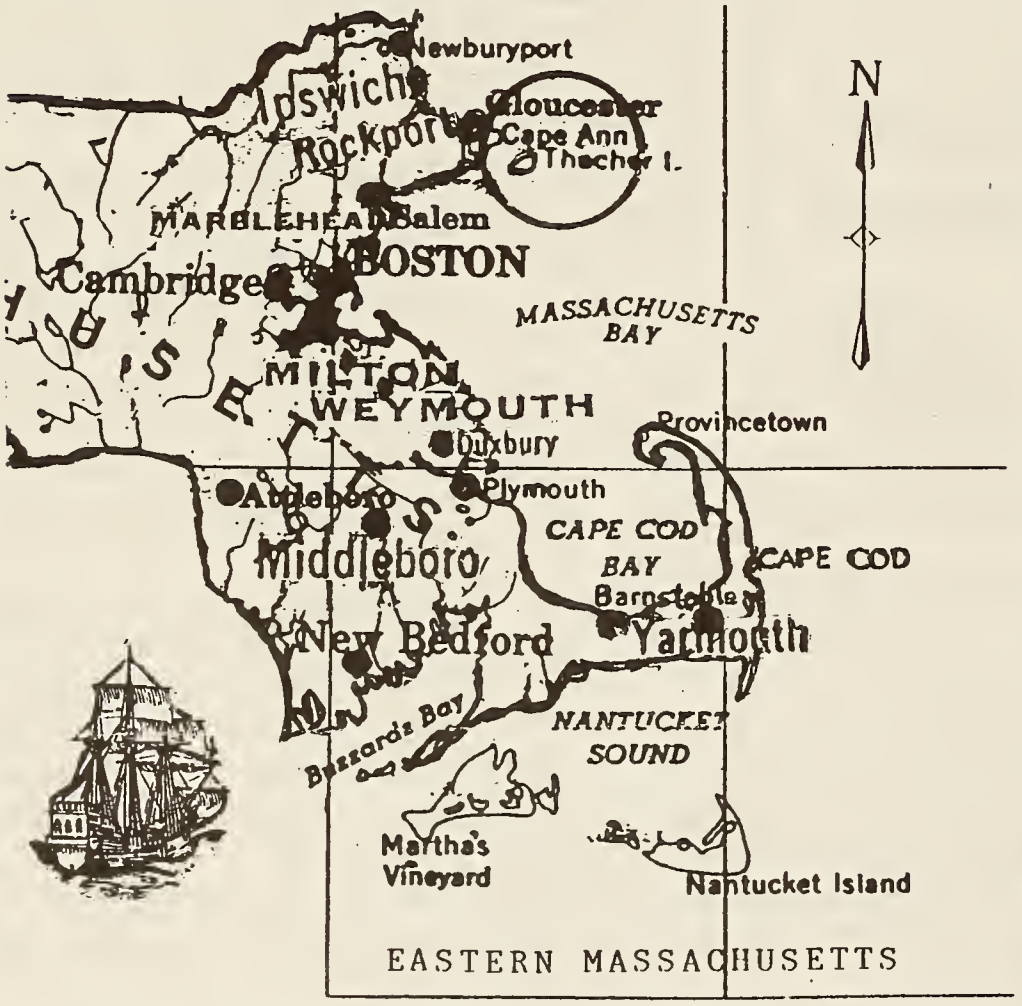
At the time of the shipwreck, Anthony named the island "Thacher's Woe", and the rock on which the schooner was wrecked, "Avery His Fall", (now"Avery's Ledge"), that their loss might be held in perpetual remembrance.

In 1636: "At a General Court houlden at Boston, 1st month, 9th day, Mr. Antony[2] Thacher had granted him the small island at the head of Cape Ann upon which he was preserved from shipwreck, as his proper inheritance." In 1717, Thacher heir, John Appleton of Ipswich, sold the boulder-strewn 30 acre island for 100 pounds to Rev. John White.

"It is well to note here that four or five generations after Rev. Peter[1] Thacher in England, spelled their name "THACHER", without a middle 'T', when signing letters or documents. Recorders of official documents tended to use the popular phonetic spelling "THATCHER". From c1700 the middle 'T' appeared more often and is now spelled either way.

"ANTONY THACHER" always in signing his name spelt Antony without the 'h'. This was probably due to his habit of writing in Latin as curate in the English church. In England in those days, the Latin forms of English baptismal names were written in church records. Hence, from writing his name "Antonius" in Latin, he acquired the custom of writing "Antony" instead of "Anthony", the more commonly accepted English form of the name."

THACHER TERRITORY



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1. NEWBURY
2. IPSWICH
3. CAPE ANN: ROCKPORT
   THACHER ISLAND
4. MARBLEHEAD/SALEM
5. BOSTON: "The Boston Branch", Desc'ts. of Rev. Thomas[3] Thacher WEYMOUTH, MILTON, MIDDLEBORO, ATTLEBORO, DUXBURY, LYNN, etc.
6. CAMBRIDGE: Harvard College
7. PLYMOUTH
8. CAPE COD: "The Yarmouth Branch" Desc'ts. of Anthony[2] Thacher YARMOUTH, BARNSTABLE, DENNIS, etc.

The First Church at Salem

Early colonial religious practice was not an easy thing. Sunday worship was an all-day activity for the entire family.

The New Englander endured five to six hours of two-session services without the comfort of heat in the churches.

Surely in those early days one or another of our Thachers set foot in the church at right - Note that "the troubles" concerning witchcraft did not occur at Salem until the 1690's.

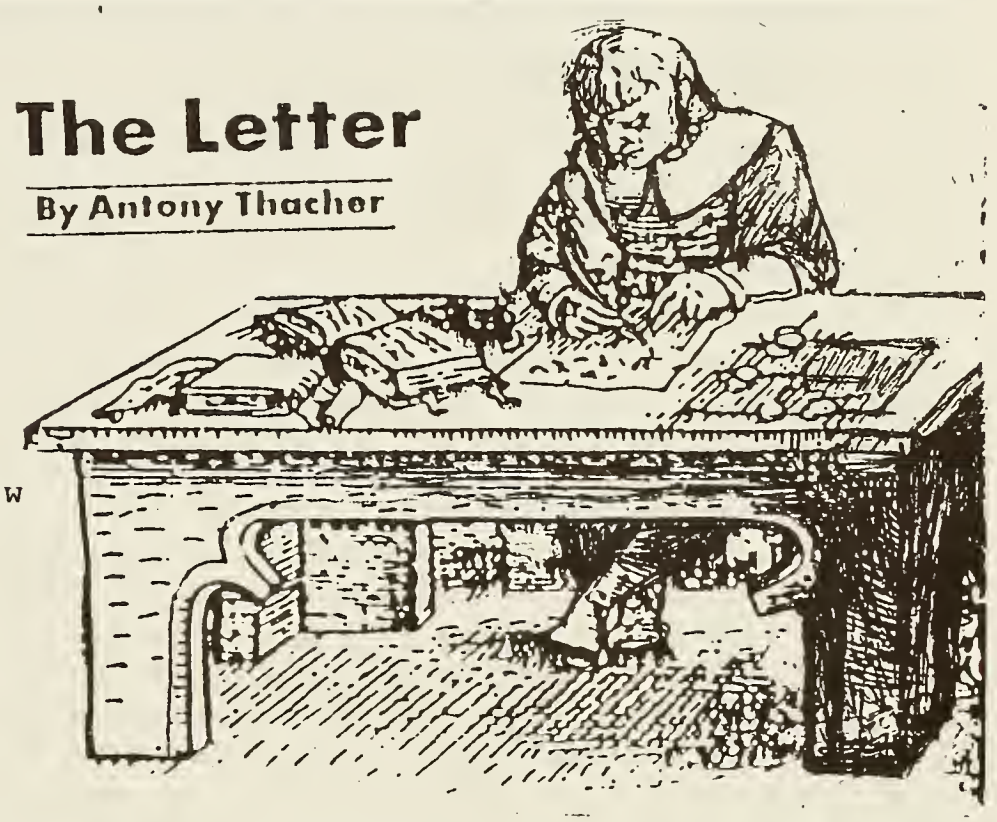
ANTONY[2] THACHER from Elwood J. Thacher's "Boston Branch", Vol. I, pages 148-187

CHRONICLES OF THE FIRST PLANTERS
of the
COLONY OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY
1623 - 1636
by Alexander Young
Chapter 23, pages 485-495
Continued from Spring Issue No.6

PART II of THE LETTER

Written by ANTONY[2] THACHER (1587-1667) a few days after the wreck of the Watch and Wait on August 14, 1635 off Cape Ann, Massachusetts, to his brother in England.

"I can recommend no more striking narrative in our early history", wrote James Savage in 1862.



"...which words I had no sooner spoken, but by a mighty wave I was, with the piece of the bark, washed out upon part of the rock, where the wave left me almost drowned. But recovering my feet, I saw above me, on the rock, my daughter Mary - to whom I had no sooner gotten, but my cousin Avery and his eldest son came to us; being all four of us washed out one by one and the same wave.

We went all into a small hole on the top of the rock, whence we called to those in the pinnace to come unto us, supposing we had been in more safety than they were in. My wife, seeing us there, was crept up into the scuttle of the quarter deck, to come unto us. But presently came another wave, and dashing the pinnace all to pieces, carried my wife away in the scuttle, as she was, with the greater part of the quarter deck, unto the shore; where she was cast safely, but her legs were something bruised. And much timber of the vessel being also there cast, she was some time before she could get away, being washed by the waves. All the rest that were in the bark were drowned in the merciless seas. We four by that wave were clean swept away from off the rock also into the sea; the Lord, in one instant of time disposing of fifteen souls of us according to his good pleasure and will.

His pleasure and wonderful great mercy to me was thus. Standing on the rock, as before you heard, with my eldest daughter, my cousin, and his eldest son, looking upon and talking to them in the bark, whenas we were by that merciless wave washed off the rock, as before you heard, God, in his mercy, caused me to fall, by the stroke of the wave, flat on my face; for my face was to the sea. Insomuch, that as I was sliding off the rock into the sea, the Lord directed my toes into a joint in the rock's side, as also the tops of some of my fingers, with my right hand, by means whereof, the wave leaving me, I remained so, hanging on the rock, only my head above the water; when on the left hand I espied a board or plank of the pinnace. And as I was reaching out my left hand to lay hold on it, by another coming over the top of the rock I was washed away from the rock, and by the violence of the waves was driven thither and thither in the seas a great while, and had many dashes against the rocks.

At length, past hopes of life, and wearied in body and spirits, I even gave over to nature; and being ready to receive in the waters of death, I lifted up both my heart and hands to the God of heaven. For note, I had my senses remaining in perfect with me all the time that I was under and in water, who at that instant lifted my head above the top of the water, that so I might breathe without any hindrance by the waters. I stood bolt upright as if I had stood upon my feet; but I felt no bottom, nor had any footing for to stand upon but the waters.

While I was thus above the water, I saw by me a piece of the mast, as I suppose, about three foot long, which I labored to catch into my arms. But suddenly I was overwhelmed with water, and driven to and fro again, and at last felt the ground with my right foot.

Continued from Page 3: "When immediately, whilst I was thus grovelling on my face, I presently recovering my feet, was in the water up to my breast, and through God's great mercy had my face unto the shore, and not to the sea. I made haste to get out; but was thrown down on my hands with the waves, and so with safety crept to the dry shore.

Where, blessing God, I turned about to look for my children and friends, but saw neither, nor any part of the pinnace, where I left them, as I supposed. But I saw my wife about a butt length from me, getting herself forth from amongst the timber of the broken bark; but before I could get unto her, she was gotten to the shore. I was in the water, after I was washed from the rock, before I came to the shore, a quarter of an hour at least.

When we were come each to other, we went and sat under the bank. But fear of the seas roaring, and our coldness, would not suffer us there to remain. But we went up into the land, and sat us down under a cedar tree, which the wind had thrown down, where we sat about an hour, almost dead with cold. But now the storm was broken up, and the wind was calm; but the sea remained rough and fearful to us.

My legs were much bruised and so was my head. Other hurt had I none, neither had I taken in much quantity of water. But my heart would not let me sit still any longer; but I would go to see if any more were gotten to the land in safety, especially hoping to have met with some of my own poor children; but I could find none, neither dead, nor yet living.

You condole with me my miseries, who now began to consider of my losses. Now came to my remembrance the time and manner how and when I last saw my children and friends. One was severed from me sitting on the rock at my feet, the other three in the pinnace; my little babe (ah, poor Peter!) sitting in his sister Edith's arms, who to the uttermost of her power sheltered him from the waters; my poor William standing close unto them, all three of them looking ruefully on me on the rock, their very countenances calling unto me to help them; whom I could not go unto, neither could they come at me, neither would the merciless waves afford me space or time to use any means at all, either to help them or myself. Oh I yet see their cheeks, poor silent lambs, pleading pity and help at my hands.

Then, on the other side, to consider the loss of my dear friends, with the spoiling and loss of all our goods and provisions, myself cast upon an unknown land, in a wilderness, I knew not where, nor how to get thence.

Then it came to my mind how I had occasioned the death of my children[1], who caused them to leave their native land, who might have left them there, yea, and might have sent some of them back again, and cost me nothing. These and such like thoughts do press down my heavy heart very much.

But I must let this pass, and will proced on in the relation of God's goodness unto to me in that desolate island, on which I was cast. I and my wife were almost naked, both of us, and wet and cold even unto death. I found a snapsack cast on the shore, in which I had a steel, and flint and powder-horn. Going further, I found a drowned goat; then I found a hat, and my son William's coat, both which I put on.[2] My wife found one of her petticoats, which she put on. I found also two cheeses and some butter driven ashore.

Thus the Lord sent us some clothes to put on, and food to sustain our new lives, which we had lately given unto us, and means also to make fire; for in a horn I had some gunpowder, which, to my own, and since to other men's admiration, was dry. So taking a piece of my wife's neckcloth, which I dried in the sun, I struck fire, and so dried and warmed our wet bodies; and then skinned the goat, and having found a small brass pot we boiled some of her. Our drink was brackish water. Bread we had none.

There we remained until the Monday following; when, about three of the clock in the afternoon, in a boat that came that way, we went off that desolate island, which I named after my name, THACHER S WOE,[3] and the rock, AVERY his FALL,[4] to the end that their fall and loss, and mine own, might be had in perpetual remembrance. In the isle lieth buried the body of my cousin's eldest daughter, whom I found dead on the shore. On the Tuesday following, in the afternoon, we arrived at Marblehead."

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See Alexander Young's NOTES to his "Chronicles of Massachusetts" on Page 5...

NOTES TO THE LETTER

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Chapter 23

YOUNG'S CHRONICLES OF MASSACHUSETTS

1. His children were four in number, William, Mary, Edith, and Peter.

2. We may infer from this that his son William was a full-grown youth.

3. Now called Thacher's Island. It lies about two miles east of the south-east point of Cape Ann.

4. Now called Avery's Rock.

5. ANTHONY THACHER, the writer of this heart-rending Narrative, was a tailor, from Salisbury, in Wiltshire, where his brother, Peter was the rector of the church of St. Edmund as early as 1622. It was written in a letter to his brother, as Increase Mather says, "within a few days after that eminent providence happened to him, when matters were still fresh in his memory."

Anthony Thacher sailed from Southampton in April 1635, in the James of London, and arrived at Boston June 3. With him came his brother's son, Thomas, then a youth of fifteen, his parents intending soon to follow with the rest of the family; which intention, however, was prevented by the death of his mother.

Cotton Mather says that "a day or two before that fatal voyage from Newbury to Marblehead, our young Thacher had such a strong and sad impression upon his mind about the issue of the voyage, that he, with another, would needs go the journey by land, and so he escaped perishing with some of his pious and precious friends by sea."

He was educated for the ministry under the Rev. Charles Chauncy, afterwards President of Harvard College, married May 11, 1643, a daughter of the Rev. Ralph Partridge of Duxbury, was ordained pastor of the church at Weymouth Jan. 2, 1645, and installed the first pastor of the Third, or Old South Church, in Boston, Feb. 16, 1670, where he continued till he died Oct. 16, 1678, aged 58.

He was the progenitor of the long line of clergymen who have illustrated the name of THACHER, the last of whom was my young friend and parishioner, the Rev. William Vincent Thacher, the amiable and accomplished pastor of the Unitarian Church at Savannah, Georgia, who died July 16, 1839, aged 24.

After this sad castrophe, by which he lost all his children, Anthony Thacher resided at Marshfield; and "the General Court," says Winthrop, "gave him L26, 13s. 4d. towards his losses, and divers good people gave him besides."

In Jan. 1639, he removed to Yarmouth on Cape Cod, being one of the three original grantees of land in that town, where he resided till his death in 1668, aged about 80.

He left two sons and one daughter, born after the disastrous shipwreck, John, Judah and Bethiah, who, tradition says, were children of a second wife, named Elizabeth Jones, whom he married about six weeks before he left England. A long line of descendants, the children of John, perpetuate the name at Yarmouth, Boston, and elsewhere.

The late Dr. James Thacher of Plymouth, was a descendant from Anthony in the sixth generation. Winthrop mentions among the articles saved from the wreck "a truss of bedding;" and Dr. Thacher states that a "cradle coverlet, of scarlet broadcloth, and some articles of clothing said to have been saved from the shipwreck, are now in the possession of Mr. Peter Thacher, and such is the veneration for these relics, that every child of Thacher families that has been baptized in Yarmouth, has been carried to the baptismal font enwrapped in them."

See Increase Mather's Illustrious Providences, pages 2 - 14; Winthrop, i. 161, 165; Mather's Magnalia, i. 441-448; Mass. Hist. Coll. viii. 277, xxviii. 317, 319; New Eng. Magazine, vii. 1 - 16.

These are Notes by Alexander Young, to Anthony Thacher's 1635 Letter on the preceding pages. Find corresponding numbers on page .

"FOR THE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF AUGUST"

THACHER DAY PROCLAIMED!

by Carroll C. Thacher

"NATIONAL SCENE: 1985. For quite obvious reasons the only date that looms before us all is August 14th, since upon this day, in the year of our Lord, 163$ our very existence as a surviving family literally hung in balance.

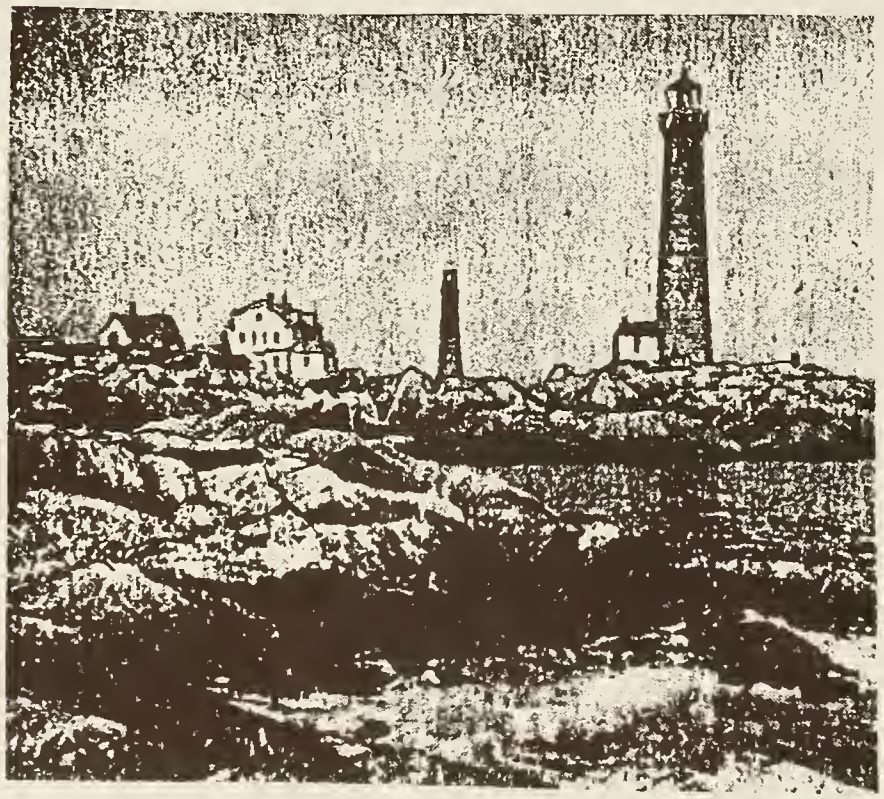
The storm began on this day and nearly wiped away all hope of continuance for any of the Thacher family.

We feel quite sure that through the years there have been many crises for many of us, but never at any time, such a true focal point as this shipwreck presented. I guess it is such a deeply personal thing. For it was the supreme family rebuilding effort of Rev. Anthony Thacher and his brave and plucky wife, Elizabeth Jones when they went on to Marblehead, and then later settled in Yarmouth, Mass., and begat yet more generations of good people like you and me.

Hence, we find ourselves uttering prayers of thanksgiving upon each and every August 14th and we celebrate our collective survival on this day.

August 14th, 1985 will mark the 350th anniversary of the shipwreck upon Thacher's Island. I would like to be standing again on this island on that day. And we shall rejoice!"

"GOOD MORNING, SURVIVORS!"



THACHER HYMN NAMED!

by Carroll C. Thacher

"NATIONAL SCENE: 1985. Once again, for obvious reasons, the only Hymn that comes to mind is "ROCK OF AGES" as a suitable Hymn for our Thacher family.

The Town of Rockport, Mass. is very proud of its great tourist attraction, aside from their beautiful, quaint, and picturesque waterfront shipping and dining area.

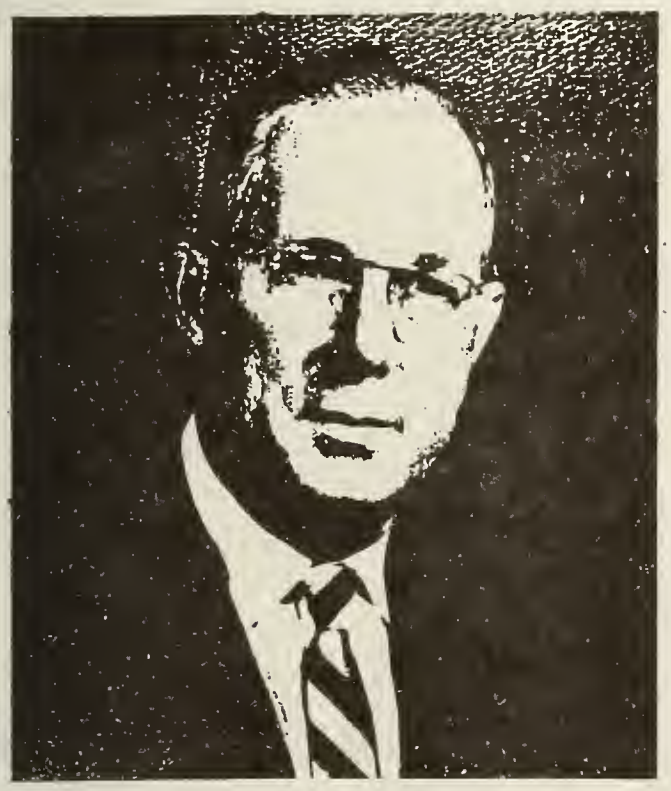
Rockporters love to boast of their very own rock; none other than Thacher Island. And after this reporter stood upon and explored every corner of the island, it is indeed, virtually a rock that has endured the very ages.

Our family history is like a rock. Our family has had numerous preachers born into it through the ages. Many were named Peter. And, as Jesus Christ had exclaimed to his disciple, Peter, "YOU ARE MY ROCK, AND UPON YOU I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH."

We the people of the Thacher family sprang from this rocky island to build many a church in New England and America.

Our family history, our island, our strong belief, and our family size has endured like a "ROCK OF AGES."

LEFT: Rocky east shore line U. S. Coast Guard Station, North Tower and Cape Ann Light (right). Looking north. 1971.



Elwood James[11] Thacher
U.S. Geological Survey
Retired
1967

Rockport,
Massachusetts
August 14,
1985

FIRST UNIVERSALIST SOCIETY
IN ROCKPORT
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

The 350th Anniversary Program was held here on August 14th, 1985 at 7:30 in the evening. Elwood James[11] Thacher was a guest speaker.

P. O. Box 2293
Winter Haven, Florida
September 7, 1985

Dear Nancy T. Walkowski,

I arrived home from New England a few days ago...my vacation this year included visiting Cape Ann and Rockport, Mass, on August 13, 14 & 15, to take part in the 350th anniversary of Thacher Island 1635-1985.

The Sandy Bay Historical Society under the leadership of Harry Walen, president, organized the two-day commemorative event and programmed a very nice meeting on the eve of August 14th and a visit to Thacher Island on August 15th.

On the eve of August 14th, the Historic Society held their meeting in the old Rockport Universalist Church that was founded in 1802, located in the center of town. The meeting was well attended and the church was filled to capacity.

The meeting was basically in three parts commemorating the historically known ship-wreck.

Harry Walen, a retired professor of English & Thacher-by-marriage, presented a film of a trip to Thacher Island with a group of students studying history and genealogy. It was informative, with actual sound of the waves pounding the shore, sea gulls sounding off, and fog horns in the background.

The second part of the program was a reading of Anthony Thacher's memorial letter to his brother, Rev. Peter Thacher in Salisbury, England concerning that tragic shipwreck on August 15, 1635.

The third part was remarks on the Thacher family by myself... [including this proposal:]..."In remembrance of Anthony Thacher, on this 350th anniversary, I have prepared and proposed to the Thacher Island Association, plans for erecting a permanent granite monument memorial on Thacher Island, in the interest of all Thacher-Thatchers everywhere, and to posterity. The monument would be 9 feet tall, in a fence enclosure 12 feet square, located near the area where Anthony Thacher and his wife were pre-served from that awful shipwreck and lived for five days afterward. Within the enclosure would be four historic placques or markers concerning the memorial."

On the morning of August 15th, 1985, twenty three of us took part in commemorative memorial services on Thacher Island (a thirty minute trip by boat from Rockport Harbor.) We numbered twenty-three, the same number aboard that ill-fated ship on August 15th, 1635!

The officiating pastor, the Rev. Barnes from the Trinity Congregational Church in Gloucester, Mass. began the service with the invocation, followed by The Lord's Prayer. We all sang the hymn "All People That On Earth Do Dwell". The Responsive Reading, Psalm 130, led by myself: "Out Of The Depths Have I Cried Unto Thee O Lord".

Next followed the reading of three paragraphs from Anthony Thacher's 1635 letter by Harry Walen.

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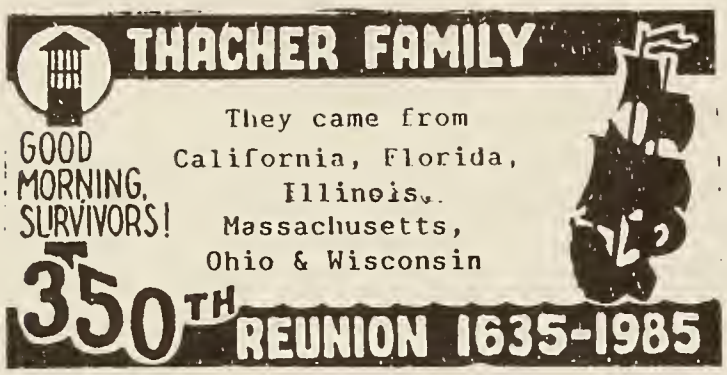
Continued from page 7: "Rev. Barnes then led us in prayer, followed by Homily, and singing the hymn "Eternal Father, Strong To Save". Rev. Barnes then concluded with the benediction.

After the service we all spent a short time meandering about on the island.

We arrived back in Rockport at noon.

I might also note that I unveiled a miniature model of the proposed memorial for Thacher Island which is currently under consideration by the U.S. Coast Guard who have jurisdiction over the island.

Sincerely
Elwood J. Thacher



The Gloucester Daily Times
Left, Aug. 17, 1985; right, Aug. 15, 1985

Rockport rambles **Letters**

Thatcher sends best wishes

ROCKPORT — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has heard of Thacher Island, off Rockport, but apparently has no plans to move any closer to it.

George Gordon, a New York-based London Daily Mail reporter, told Thacher Island Association officials that Vice President George Bush recently informed Thatcher about the island. Bush reportedly said that if at some point Mrs. Thatcher didn't have a position in Great Britain, she could come to a place in Massachusetts "already named for her."

Thatcher's reply?

She reportedly told Bush that the Thacher Island history was intriguing, that she sent best wishes to those gathered for the Anthony Thacher shipwreck anniversary, and that she had "no present plan to offer myself as an elected representative of this splendid country."

Evidence that Thacher was a cleric

The commemoration of an event leads to a renewed interest in details and background. This summer we looked back to what has been called the "most pathetic" shipwreck of the 17th century along this coast — the wreck of the Watch and Wait. The shipwreck occurred on Aug. 15, 1635, on the island today called, in memory of the survivors, Thacher's Island.

The Thachers and the Averys arrived in Ipswich in June, 1635, aboard the "James," Anthony Thacher was entered on the ship's passenger list as a "Taylor." Yet he was quite evidently an assistant to his cousin, Walter Avery, an ordained cleryman, with whom eventually he was to sail to Marblehead to establish a church in "a town appointed to set up the trade of fishing."

What qualified him to be an assistant to the pastor?

According to the Rev. John Lothrop, pastor first in Scituate and later, after the division of his parish, in Barnstable, with the half of the parish who moved there, Amos Otis, in his "Genealogical Notes of Barnstable Families," refers to Mr. Lothrop's need to emigrate to the colonies as a private citizen, and, giving an example of this need in another emigre, writes, "Mr. Anthony Thacher, who had been rector at Old Sarum, entered his name on the lists April 6, 1635, as a tailor, and many distinguished men who came over about that time had to resort to similar subterfuges or take passage in the ships without having their names entered on the list of passengers.

Leon C. Hills notes in his "History and Genealogy of the Mayflower Planters and First Comers to Ye Olde colony" concerning Anthony Tha(t)cher, "Before embarking he had to enter himself as some sort of a craftsman, and was listed as a "Taylor." Both of these sources refer to his using the designation of a tailor as something he *had* to do — a "subterfuge" to leave England under the conditions of the day. (How frequently we have heard such stories during the past half century!)

Henry F. Waters, A.M., an indefatigable researcher in England during the late 19th century for the New England Historic Genealogical Society, in his "Genealogical Gleanings in England," makes a careful differentiation between *two* different Anthony Thachers, and in doing so, gives the following information about "our" Anthony: "Now Anthony Thacher, brother of the Rev. Peter, so celebrated for his graphic and pathetic description of the awful shipwreck on Thacher's Island, Aug. 15, 1635, when he and his wife were the sole survivors of the vessel's crew and passengers, number 23, and who was afterward one of the three founders of Yarmouth, Mass., never had a wife 'Clarey.' His first wife, Mary, died at Salisbury, July 26, 1634, while he was serving his brother Peter as curate at St. Edmunds, which office he held several years. (In the record of his wife's death, in the parish register, he has the title of 'Clerk' of clergyman.) Elizabeth Jones became his second wife only six weeks before she embarked for New England, on or about April 16, 1635, with her husband and four of his children. . . Anthony, the brother of Peter, had received a good education, wrote a very handsome hand, and expressed himself with ease, correctly, with force and perspicuity, and sometimes, eloquently. Yet the most persevering researches have failed to discover the place of his education. It has been surmised that he may have received his education from his brother, Peter.

Perhaps other researchers will turn up further sources. These, however, present evidence of a man in the clerical profession rather than of a tailor.

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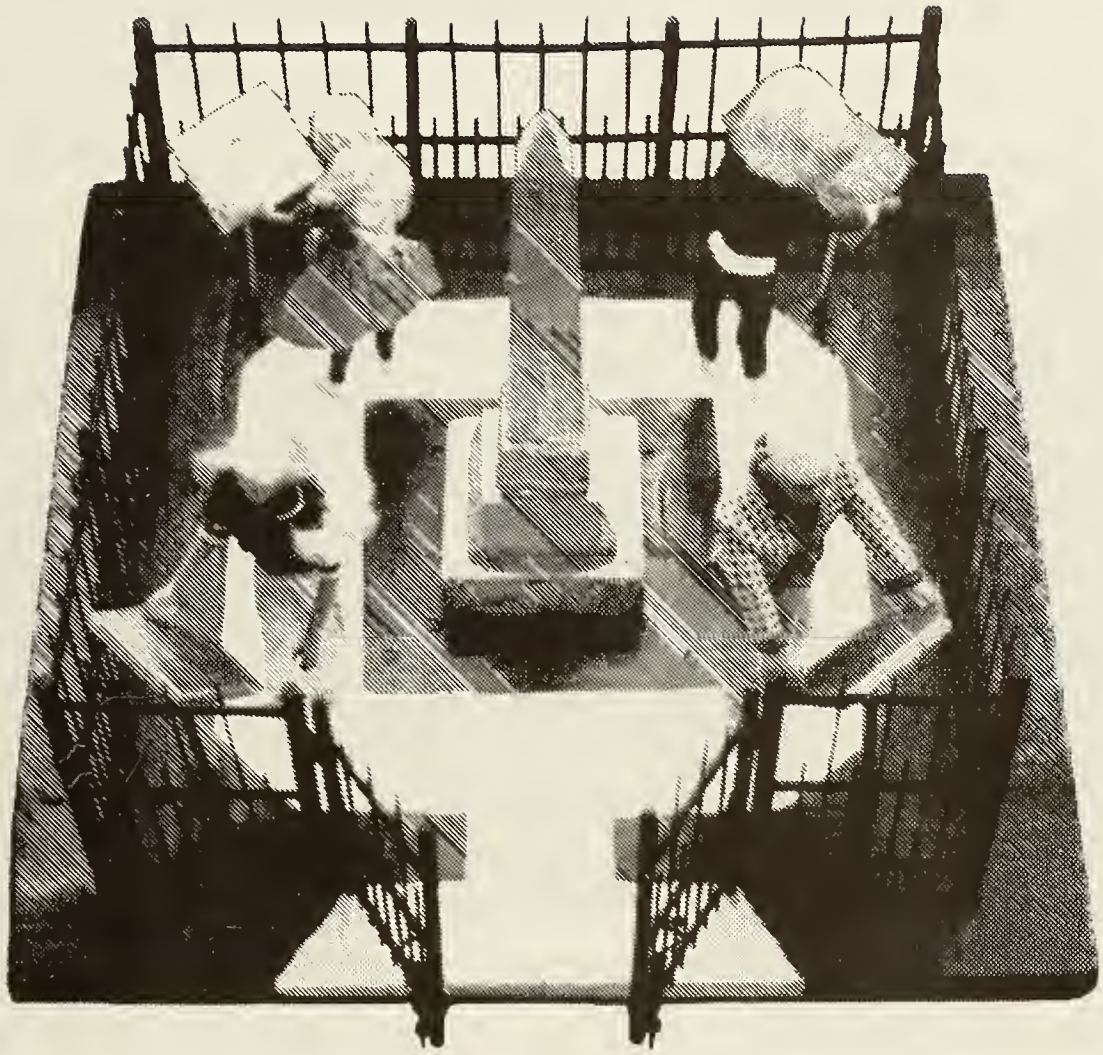

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AUGUST 14, 1985

PROPOSED MEMORIAL PLAQUES

SHIPWRECK OFF CAPE ANN. AUGUST 15, 1635

WASHED ASHORE NEAR THIS SITE ANTHONY THACHER AND HIS WIFE ELIZABETH WERE PRESERVED FROM SHIPWRECK. ALL OTHER SOULS ABOARD THE PINNACE BOUND FOR MARBLEHEAD FROM IPSWICH WERE DROWNED AND LOST IN THE MERCILESS SEAS, SAVE ONE, THE LIFELESS BODY OF REV. JOSEPH AVERY'S ELDEST DAUGHTER WHO WAS WASHED ASHORE. SHE WAS BURIED NEAR THIS SITE BY ANTHONY THACHER.

ANTHONY THACHER 1588-1667

SON OF PETER THACHER 1545-1624; BORN AT QUEEN CAMEL, ENGLAND, 1588; CURATE ST. EDMUNDS CHURCH, ENGLAND, 1631-1635; IMMIGRATED TO AMERICA APRIL 5, 1635; ONE OF THE ORIGINAL GRANTEES OF THE TOWN OF YARMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS, 1638.

THACHER ISLAND

THE NAME THACHER ISLAND ORIGINATED FOLLOWING AN ACT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS COLONIAL COURT: 1636-7 "AT A GENERAL COURT HOLDEN AT BOSTON, 1st MONTH 9th DAY 1636-7, Mr. ANTHONY THACHER HAD GRANTED HIM THE SMALL ISLAND AT THE HEAD OF CAPE ANN. UPON WHICH HE WAS PRESERVED FROM SHIPWRECK, AS HIS PROPER INGERITENCE."

THACHER ISLAND

1605• SIGHTED BY SAMUEL De CHAMPLAIN; 1614• SIGHTED BY JOHN SMITH; 1636• GRANTED TO ANTHONY THACHER BY THE MASSACHUSETTS COLONIAL COURT 1717• SOLD BY JOHN APPLETON, AND HEIR TO REV. JOHN WHITE; 1727• SOLD TO JOSEPH ALLEN JR.; 1771• REPURCHASED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS COLONIAL GOVERNMENT- TWIN 45 FOOT LIGHT HOUSES ERECTED; 1861• 124 FOOT GRANITE TOWERS ERECTED; 1932• NORTH LIGHT HOUSE CLOSED; 1980• ROCKPORT ASSOCIATION FORMED; 1981• COAST GUARD DEPARTS THE ISLAND AFTER 100 YEARS OCCUPATION.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

THACHER ISLAND AUGUST 15, 1985

Gloucester Daily Times, Friday, August 16, 1985 Kristine Snow photo

The 350th anniversary of the Anthony Thacher shipwreck was marked by a service on Thacher Island. Thacher descendents from several states, Thacher Island Association members and others remembered Thacher and his wife, the only survivors of the wreck. Twenty three people attended the service, the same number that was aboard Thacher's ship.

The Sandy Bay Historical Society & Museum, Inc.
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Box 63

18 August 1985

Mr. Elwood J. Thacher
Box 2293
Winter Haven FL 33880

Dear Elwood:

It was good indeed to see you. Thank you for your fine participation in the Wednesday evening program and your conducting of the responsive reading during the service the following morning on the Island. And we certainly do appreciate the souvenir booklet you prepared and presented to all comers.

You were able to approach some questions about the placement of the monument on the Island directly with Ned Cameron, which is a very good thing; I understand that the diorama is, for the time being, in the Carnegie Library.

We had a memorable experience together. Isn't it wonderful to have these family connections? Have you thought seriously about founding a Thacher Family Association? You are the one to do it.

Enclosed are copies of such publicity as we have received from the Gloucester Daily Times on Whittemore Street in Gloucester, MA 01930. They succeeded in hashing my genealogical footnote to a point where parts of it don't even make sense. But at least they did print it -- a little late. By contrast, the London Daily Mail devoted three quarters of a page to our Island, thanks to Mr. Bush's comment to Mrs. Thatcher.

A letter from out of state might have far more effect than one from merely in town to persuade the Editor of the Times that history does have a degree of importance, especially when people from all over the USA zero in on Cape Ann for an event like this.

Keep in touch -- I know you will. Betty joins me in sending best wishes. We have heard many compliments about your presentation Wednesday evening.

Cordially,

Harry

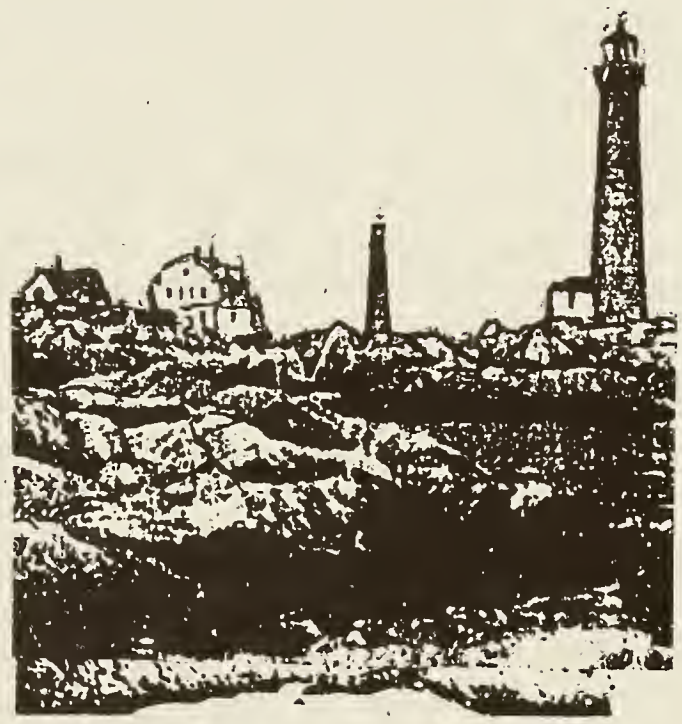
Harry L. Waten, President
Sandy Bay Historical Society

Thacher Island

A BIT OF HISTORY . . .

Thacher Island was sighted by Champlain in 1605, by Captain John Smith in 1614, and by how many more before that, nobody knows.

The name comes from a shipwreck described as "pathetic" by historians. A small boat out of Ipswich, bound for Marblehead, was caught in the Great Storm of August, 1635, and was dashed to pieces on the rocks of the Island. Of the twenty-three passengers and crew, only Anthony Thacher and his wife survived, watching helplessly as their children and friends were swept away.



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On Sept. 3, 1635, the General Court voted Thacher 40 Marks. Also, in 1636-37, the General Court voted to grant Thacher the island "at the head of Cape Ann, as his inheritance."

1717: Island sold by John Appleton (an heir of Thacher), of Ipswich, to the Rev. John White — 30 acres, more or less, for 100 pounds.

1726-27: The Rev. John White sold to Joseph Allen for 175 pounds. This was Joseph Allen, Jr. who owned it at his death in 1750.

In 1771, the Colonial Government bought it back for 500 pounds. The same year, the twin lighthouses were erected and lighted for the first time on Dec. 21st.

The present 123-foot towers were completed in 1861 raising the lights to 166 feet above sea level. In 1888 the Town of Rockport adopted Seal of the Island as its official seal.

Early in this century, four families lived on the Island, to run the lighthouses and fog whistles. Descendants of these families still live in Rockport.

The north light was shut off in 1932, as an economy measure. The Coast Guard, which had manned the Island for many years, removed its last crew of four men in 1980. At that time, the south light and the fog whistle had become automated, and the Town of Rockport took over the Island by lease from the U.S. Coast Guard.

NANCY TALLMAN WALKOWSKI
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September 1, 1991

Dear Thacher Cousins & Friends,

In our 8th Issue of the Thacher Quarterly, We Gather Together for a First Thanksgiving at Plymouth, as the story of "Our Churches" continues, and we begin the story of Rev. Thomas[3]Thacher, notably the first minister of The Third Church (Old South), Boston.

We will also continue to relate events that took place early this summer of 1991 at Queen Camel, Somerset, England, during the celebration of the 700th Anniversary of St. Barnabas Church and the visit of Cousin "Woody" Thacher and son, Thomas, for the dedication of the new Chapel, towards which they made a large contribution.

Cousin Jerry (Gerald A.) Corwin continues his work on our THACHER COMPUTER RECORD of both Yarmouth and Boston Branch lineage of subscribers to the Thacher Quarterly. He hopes that you will not be shy about sharing your family records and wants you all to know that he will perform this service free of any charge to subscribers! (He had originally thought he would charge a small fee for records sent after first contact to cover expenses, but thinks that this may have "scared off" some Thacher descendants from contributing their records.) Please send records to the Editor who will forward them to Jerry. Address changes and family record corrections or changes may be sent directly to Jerry at 4147 Emigration Canyon Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84108, or call him at (801) 583-7847 or 484-0931. He is doing a tremendous job!

This summer we have met-by-mail some very interesting Thacher descendants! Mary (Thacher) Brown, sister of Thomas Thacher of New Canaan, CT, sent a chart showing their sister, Sarah Thacher who married a George Storm. They have a grandson named THACHER STORM! These are descendants, however, of the Boston, and not the Yarmouth Branch, involved in the STORM on THACHER Island...

A new subscriber is Mr. Harry Walen, whose home at Rockport, Mass. was dubbed "Thacher's Hoe", as it sits on a piece of land with a view of Thacher Island! Mr. Walen is a descendant of Anthony Thacher's granddaughter, Mary Thacher who married Shubael Gorham. He is a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants and the Pilgrim John Howland Society.

Complimetary subscriptions of the Thacher Quarterly are now being sent to Mr. Gordon Moore for the St. Barnabas Church, Queen Camel, England, the Old South Association at Old South Meeting House, Boston, Cindy Stone, Director, and to the Sandy Bay Historical Society & Museum, Marshall Swan, Curator and the Carnegie Public Library, both at Rockport, Mass., and the LDS Family History Library at Salt Lake City, Utah.

As always, we hope to hear from YOU with input or Queries for future issues of the THACHER QUARTERLY! Until the next issue,

Your cousin, Nancy

"Come ye thankful people come, raise the song
of harvest home
all is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple come, raise the song of harvest home!"

Sept 12, 1991

NOTES OF NOTE

Dear Elwood,

Here's my latest — hope it meets with your approval!

I received the nicest photos from Gordon Moore - almost the same as in the newsletter picture on pg 7 — except showing the bright red robe of the Bishop! Beautiful! I'm glad you enjoyed your visit!

I've now met Harry Walen by mail + enjoyed his 2 letters — the last one showed his ancestry! He must be home from the Plymouth annual meeting of the Mayflower Society + hope I'll hear from him about that. (Hope I don't hear about any changes that should be made in this issue of the TQ!) I sent him a preliminary copy — yours is of the same small batch I way ahead of the regular mailing — (I did find one typo.)

We - Ray + I - are visiting his brother + wife in Edwardsburg, Mich. this week near Niles Mich. and Elkhart, Ind. We drove to Lake Michigan and down to Shipshewana, Ind. - amish country, to look at antiques! Now, on the other side of Eagle Lake from here, is a Thatcher Road in Jefferson Twp, Cass Co., Mich. So, I called the Register of Deeds at Cassopolis to inquire. She said OH yes! I knew the Thatcher sisters very well. They were spinsters + wealthy - left money for the local Presbyterian Church + were members of a Professional Woman's association. Now I'll have to get a photo of their house! (Has new owners since the sisters passed away)

Seems where ever I go I find something of interest! The Register of Deeds will do some research for me + send by mail! At another courthouse in St Jos. Co, the Register of Deeds said there are LOTS of Thatchers in their books. (I was looking for Tallmans there) Well, Enjoy your reading - please let me know what you think

Your Cousin, Nancy

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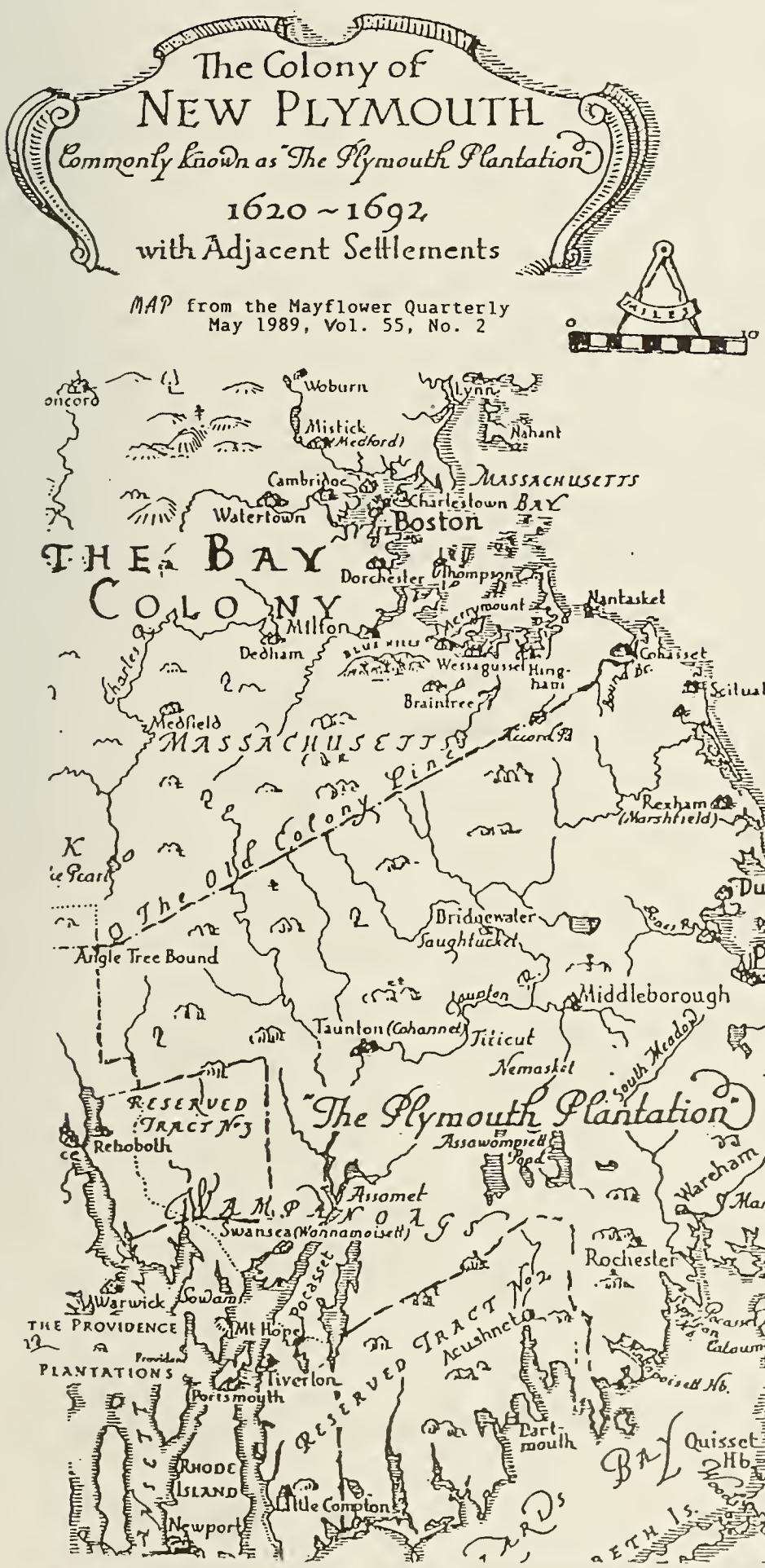

MAP from the Mayflower Quarterly
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THE FIRST THANKSGIVING

"Being all recovered in health and strength, they begane now to gather in ye harvest, and had all good things in plenty."

OLD FORT, PLYMOUTH
The First Meeting House
at Plymouth

The Story of "OUR CHURCHES" Continues...

John Howland was a son of HENRY & MARGARET HOWLAND of Fenstanton, Huntingtonshire, England. He had brothers, Humphrey, George, Arthur, Simon and Henry. They had a sister, Margaret (Howland) Phillips.

John was the first Howland to come to America. He was a passenger on the ship Mayflower, which left Plymouth, England in 1620, and was 13th signer of the Mayflower Compact. He came as the indentured servant of Mr. John Carver, the 1st governor of New Plimoth Colony. During the next 20 years John's brothers, Simon and Arthur also came to New England. Thus the progenitors of three separate Howland families arrived in Plymouth, making difficulties for researchers of their many descendants.

John Howland's birth date is not known, but when he died on Feb. 23, 1672, he was over 80 years of age. He married about March 25, 1623, his fellow passenger, Elizabeth Tilley. She was baptized at Henlow, Huntingtonshire, England on Aug. 30, 1607, daughter of John & Joan (Hurst) Tilley, who both died after their arrival on the Mayflower.

John and Elizabeth had 10 children: DESIRE prob. 1625; John 1627; Hope 1629; Elizabeth abt. 1631; Lydia abt. 1633; Hannah abt. 1637; Joseph abt. 1640; JABEZ abt. 1644; Ruth abt. 1646; and Isaac 1649.

John Howland was made a freeman of Plymouth in 1633. He was appointed or elected to many public offices. He owned land in Yarmouth where his son, John, Jr., and daughters, DESIRE (HOWLAND) GORHAM & Hope (Howland) Chipman, settled, and farmland at Barnstable. Son, JABEZ HOWLAND purchased and lived with his family in the HOWLAND HOUSE, which is now the headquarters of the PILGRIM JOHN HOWLAND SOCIETY., founded 1897. Howland/Gorham/Thacher descendant, Harry L. Walen of Rockport, Mass. serves as 1991 society president.

From the "THACHER-THATCHER" Genealogy by John Reynolds Totten, page 110:

BETHIAH THACHER born at Yarmouth, c1645, daughter of ANTHONY THACHER & his 2nd wife, married c1667 JABEZ HOWLAND (c1644-c1712), "Constable", who was a blacksmith. They were members of Rev. John Cotton's Church.

Children:

JABEZ HOWLAND	b. Nov.	15,	1669,	d. Oct. 17, 1732; m. Patience Stafford
JOHN HOWLAND		Jan. 15,	1672,	d. Jan. 16, 1722
BETHIAH HOWLAND	Jun.	3,	1674,	d. 1676 - drowned
JOSIAH HOWLAND	Aug.	6,	1676,	d. Feb. 8, 1717, m. Yetmercy Shove
JOHN HOWLAND	Jul.	26,	1679,	d. ?
JUDAH HOWLAND	May	7,	1683,	d. Nov. 1683, Bristol, Rhode Island
SETH HOWLAND	Jan.	5,	1684,	d. Apr. 1685
SAMUEL HOWLAND	May	16,	1686,	d. May 15, 1748; m. A. Carey; Rachel Allen
EXPERIENCE HOWLAND	May	19,	1687,	died young at Bristol, Rhode Island
JOSEPH HOWLAND	Oct.	15,	1692,	d. Aug. 16, 1737; m. Bathsheba Carey
ELIZABETH HOWLAND	born	?	, died	? m. Nathaniel Townsend of Newport, R.I.

THE JABEZ HOWLAND HOUSE

33 Sandwich Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts

The house was built 1667 by Jacob Mitchell on land obtained 1666.

JABEZ HOWLAND purchased the property and lived there until 1680 when he moved his family to Bristol, Rhode Island.

The height of the roof was raised to provide a second floor and a later addition was built in 1750.

JABEZ HOWLAND sold the house to Elkanah Watson Jan. 10, 1680.

The JABEZ HOWLAND HOUSE, the oldest house in Plymouth, was purchased, repaired and furnished by descendants of JOHN HOWLAND in 1913.

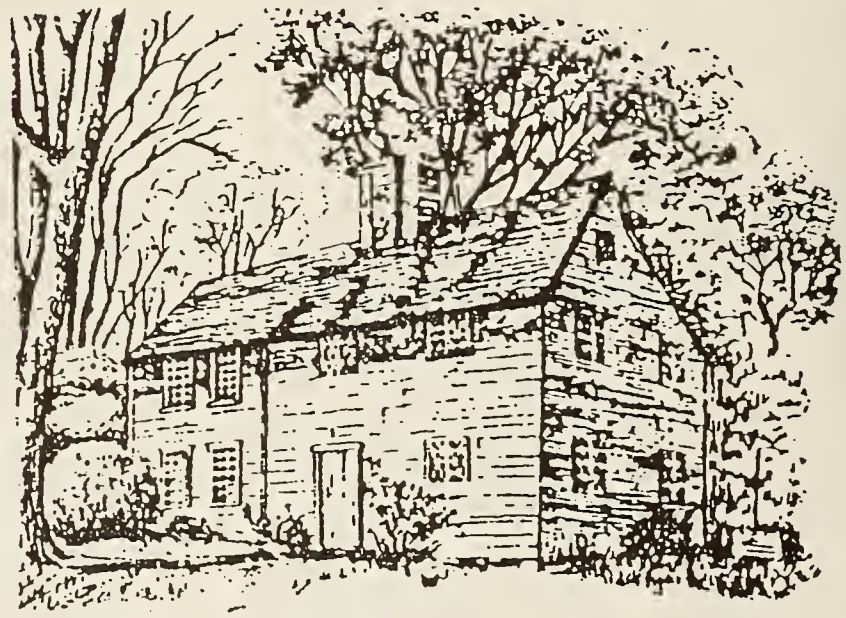


Photo in "Open House in New England" Samuel Chamberlain, 1948, page 84.

 Data from THE HOWLAND QUARTERLY, Jul. 1967, V. 31 & Dec. 1989, V. 54, No. 4 and "The Descendants of John Howland of the Mayflower" by Elizabeth Pearson White 1990

From "THE PIONEERS OF MASSACHUSETTS" by Charles Henry Pope, page 449:
"THACHER, Mr. Anthony of Sarum, tailor, came with his wife in the James April 1635; they were the sole survivors of a shipwreck at Cape Ann, Aug. 15, 1635; the General Court gave him 26lbs, 13s, 4d towards his losses ("and other good people gave him besides", wrote Gov. Winslow), and the island on which the wreck occurred Mar. 1636/7. He was taxed as a Proprietor at Marblehead 1637. Removed to Yarmouth Colony Jan 7, 1638/9. Was Deputy; had license to perform marriages."

From "TOWNS OF NEW ENGLAND AND OLD ENGLAND" by Allan Forbes 1921, page 219:
"Yarmouth on Cape Cod is one of the most beautiful towns on the Cape. The First Church was founded in 1639, early ministers being Rev. M. Matthews, John Miller, Rev. Thomas Thornton & John Cotton (gr'son of the 1st Rev. John Cotton). Anthony Thacher was the first settler of the town and the most helpful man in the colony."

From "MEMOIRS OF BOSTON & EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS", Wm. R. Cutter 1908, V.2, page 898:
"He had a grant of lands at Mattacheesit (Yarmouth); was on committee for division of lands at Yarmouth and represented the town in the General Court of Plymouth for 11 years".

From "CAPE COD'S WAY" Scott Corbett:
"Whatever his calling or profession, Thacher was a moving spirit in the settlement of the new town and achieved great success as a community leader. He certainly was versatile! Not only was he licensed (as a Proprietor) to "draw wines", but was also commissioned to join persons in matrimony, and was thus in a position to both officiate at the ceremonies, and then to cater at the reception!"

1. Of the children of ANTHONY & ELIZABETH THACHER, the eldest was JUDAH THACHER born at Marblehead, who married Mary, daughter of Rev. Thomas Thornton. Their children were:
Elizabeth b. Oct.1667, 2nd wife of Joshua Gee I: Thomas b. May 18,1669; Mary b. Mar.17, 1671, 2nd wife of Moses Draper & next Jos. Grant; Judah died: Ann b. Oct.31,1674; Judah again, b. Dec.7, 1676. - JUDAH THACHER SR. died Nov. 4, 1676.-

2. The younger son of ANTHONY & ELIZABETH THACHER was COL. JOHN THACHER of Yarmouth. He was born at Marblehead, Mar. 17, 1639; died May 8, 1713. At an early age he was an officer in the militia. He served 20 years as selectman of Yarmouth, was representative of the General Court and member of the provisional council. He married 1st Nov. 6, 1661-4, a niece of Gov. Edward Winslow, REBECCA WINSLOW (1643-1683), daughter of Josiah. This family and the children of COL. JOHN & REBECCA (WINSLOW) THACHER are featured on our page 4.

An Anecdote from Scott Corbett's "CAPE COD'S WAY"

"As a young couple, COL. JOHN & REBECCA THACHER visited the Col. John Gorhams of Barnstable. Like a good friend, John Thacher made a proper fuss over their winsome four-year-old daughter. Holding the tot in his arms, he turned to Rebecca and exclaimed, "Here is a child born on the same night of our marriage! Let me introduce my second wife, Miss LYDIA GORHAM!" (She replied, "I hope it will be a long time before you have that pleasure!")

The Thachers enjoyed a happy marriage of 20 years, and Rebecca died. Her husband was prostrated with grief and lamented his wife's passing in reams of bad verse. The ink was scarcely dry, however, before he began to notice a handsome young widow. After all, he was only 46 himself, and she was 24, and life must go on!

The only disturbing factor was that Col. Thacher had noticed a certain horse tied by the widow's door, and recognized it as belonging to his own son! Could it be that the boy had matrimonial designs himself? The colonel summoned him, and his worst fears were realized. He struck a bargain: "If you'll give up your visits, I will give you 5 pounds in money & my yoke of black oxen." Apparently lacking the fire of his father, young Thacher took the offer, whereupon the colonel paid court so ardently that in less than 6 months after the death of his first wife, he married the widow and carried out the prophecy he had made so playfully two decades earlier! LYDIA (GORHAM) THACHER outlived her husband and died in 1744. They are buried side by side in the Yarmouth Cemetery".

The children of COL. JOHN THACHER & his 2nd wife, LYDIA GORHAM, married Jan. 1, 1684:

LYDIA THACHER	(1684-1724)	m. James Freeman	MERCY THACHER	(1695-1696)	
MARY THACHER	(1686-1778)	m. SHUBAEL GORHAM	ANN THACHER	(1696-1756)	m. John[2] Lothrop
DESIRE THACHER	(1688-1733)	m. Josiah Crocker	JOSEPH THACHER	(1699-1763)	
HANNAH THACHER	(1690-1780)	m. Nathaniel Otis	BENJ. THACHER	(1702-1768)	
MERCY THACHER	(1692-1692)		MERCY THACHER	b1702/3	m. James Harris
JUDAH THACHER	(1693-1775)	m. Sarah Crosby	THOMAS THACHER	(1705-1746)	

Preceding data from Wm. R. Cutter's "MEMOIRS OF BOSTON & EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS", Vol. 2, page 899. See the GORHAM family on our page 4.

3. The youngest child of ANTHONY & ELIZABETH THACHER, daughter, BETHIAH, was born c1645 at Yarmouth. She married JABEZ HOWLAND c1667. They resided in Plymouth until 1680 when they moved to Bristol, Rhode Island. Their children are listed on the preceding page 2, with data on the family of JOHN HOWLAND of the Mayflower.

The WINSLOWS of New Plymouth Colony

EDWARD[1] WINSLOW, descendant of William Wincelowe, of Droitwich, Kempsey, Worcestershire, England, and his 2nd wife, Magdalen Ollyver married c1595 and had 8 children: 3 daus. and
EDWARD WINSLOW, Governor of Plymouth, b. Oct. 19, 1595 & m. 1st Elizabeth Barker 1618 & 2nd widow, Susanna (Fuller) White in 1621. Came on Mayflower 1620; buried at sea 1655.
JOHN WINSLOW (1597-1674) came on the ship, Fortune 1621; m. Mary Chilton.
KENELM WINSLOW (1599-1672) came on the 2nd Mayflower 1629; m. Ellen Adams
GILBERT (1600- ?) came on the 1st Mayflower 1620; returned to England c1646, died there.
JOSIAH WINSLOW (1605-1674) of Marshfield, Plymouth Town Clerk & Rep. to General Court.

JOSIAH[2] WINSLOW was born Feb. 1605 & Died Dec. 1, 1674 at Marshfield. He married in 1636 Margaret Bourn who died in 1683. They had a son, Jonathan and a daughter, REBECCA.

REBECCA[3] WINSLOW was born Jul. 15, 1643 at Marshfield. She married COL. JOHN THACHER, (1638-1713), son of Anthony Thacher of Yarmouth, Nov. 6, 1661/4. Their children were:

PETER THACHER	(1665-1736)		ELIZABETH THACHER	(1677-1710)	m. M.Hatch
JOSIAH THACHER	(1667-1702)	m. Mary Hedge	HANNAH THACHER	(1679-1689)	
REBECCA THACHER	(1669-)	m. 1) Jas. Sturgis	Mary Thacher	(1682-1682)	
BETHIAH THACHER	(1671-)	m. James Paine	Child	born & died c1683	
JOHN THACHER	(1674-1764)	m. Desire Sturgis			

Desire (Winslow) Thacher d. Jul. 15, 1683. Col. John Thacher m. 2nd Lydia Gorham.

WINSLOW: "THE WINSLOW MEMORIAL"; Willison "SAINTS & STRANGERS". THACHER: Wm. R. Cutter.

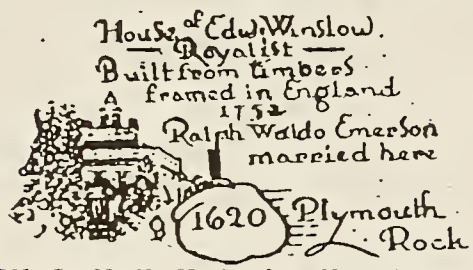
CHART: Thacher, Winslow - Gorham, Howland

REV. PETER[1] THACHER (c1545-1624)
ANTHONY[2] THACHER m. 2nd Elizabeth Jones
COL. JOHN[3] THACHER m. 1st REBECCA[3] WINSLOW

JOHN[2] HOWLAND, s/o HENRY[1]
DESIRE[3] HOWLAND m. CAPT. JOHN GORHAM
TEMPERENCE[4] GORHAM m. Edward Sturgis

JOHN[4] THACHER - m. - DESIRE[5] (Sturgis) DIMMOCK
JOHN[5] THACHER (m. Content Norton)
DR. JAMES THACHER (1754-1844)
of Plymouth, Mass.

(See T.Q. No. 1, page 7)



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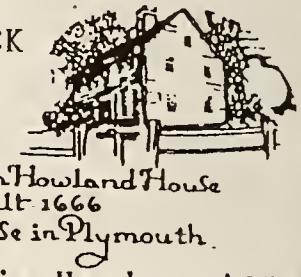

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The Family of Captain John Gorham

Sir Hugh de Gorham married Margaret, daughter of Sir William l'Angevin, and in 1281 was in possession of Churchfield in the parish of Oundle, and owned land in Benefield, England. 300 years later the baptism of JOHN GORRAM, son of Ralph Gorham was entered in the Benefiel Register, Jan. 28, 1620/1. A JOHN GORHAM was a passenger on the ship, Philip to N. America on June 20, 1635. A Ralph Gorham was granted land at Plymouth Oct. 20, 1637.

In 1648, John Howland sold to his son-in-law, John Gorham, one half of his lands in Marshfield. The date of his marriage to DESIRE HOWLAND, daughter of John, is not known, but the resided at Plymouth after the birth of their first child in 1644. They t.en moved to Marshfield where he was Constable 1648. They moved to Yarmouth in 1652 and then settled at Barnstable. Their children were:

Desire Gorham	b. 1644 Plymouth, d. 1700 Yarmouth; m. Barnstable 1661 John Hawes
TEMPERENCE GORHAM	b. 1646 Marshfield d. 1714/5 Yarmouth; m.1) Edward Sturgis
Elizabeth Gorham	b. 1648 Marshfield d. bef. Mar. 1683/4; m. Joseph Hallett
James Gorham	b. 1650 Marshfield d. 1707; m. Hannah Huckins; res. Barnstable
JOHN GORHAM, JR.	b. 1651/2 Marshfield d. 1716; m. Mary Otis, son SHUBAEL m. MARY THACHER
Joseph Gorham	b. 1653 Yarmouth d. 1726; m. Sarah Sturgis (c1656-d. bef. 1738/9
Jabez Gorham	b. 1656 Barnstable d. c1724/5, Bristol, R.I.; m. Hannah Sturgis
Mercy Gorham	b. 1658 Barnstable d. 1725 CT; m. 1677 George Denison
LYDIA GORHAM	b. 1661 Barnstable d. 1744 Yarmouth; m. COL. JOHN THACHER
Hannah Gorham	b. 1663 Barnstable d. c1727 Cape May, N.J.; m. c1682 Joseph Wheldon
Shubael Gorham I	b. 1667 Barnstable d. 1750; m. 1695 Puella Hussey of Nantucket

Data from E.P. White's "John Howland of the Mayflower", Vol. I, pg. 11.

THE YOUNG THOMAS THACHER (1620-1678)

From "History of Old South Church (Third Church), Boston, 1669-1884"
by Hamilton Andrews Hill 1890, Volume I, pages 123 & 124.

"THOMAS THACHER, son of the Rev. Peter Thacher, was born May 1, 1620 at Milton Clevedon, Somersetshire, as is supposed, where his father was vicar, but the record of his baptism has not yet been found. In 1622 his father became rector of St. Edmund's, Salisbury, and in this venerable cathedral city Thomas spent his youth and received his early academic training.

He gave evidence of decided piety, and he would have been sent to Oxford or Cambridge, to fit for the ministry, but he could not conscientiously make the religious subscriptions required at these universities. He was now 15 years of age, and with the consent of his parents he resolved to come to America.

Cotton Mather says that"he conscientiously declined his father's offer, and chose rather to venture over the Atlantic, than to wound his own consience for the academic priviledges of England. When his parents discerned his inclination, they permitted his removal to New England, intending themselves within a year or two, with their family, to have removed thither after him (for his father was a Puritan in spirit); which intention was prevented by the death of his mother, before it could be effected."

Thomas embarked at Southampton in the James, in company with the Rev. Anthony Thacher, his uncle, and reached Boston June 4, 1635. From Boston, the party went to Ipswich and two months later, Anthony Thacher & family embarked in a pinnace for Marblehead, which was wrecked on a ledge off Cape Ann in a storm of unprecidented severity. All on board, except Mr. and Mrs. Thacher were drowned.

Providentially, THOMAS THACHER had not taken the passage with his relatives on this disastrous trip, preferring to make the journey by land.

Cotton Mather says: "A day or two before that fatal voyage from Newberry to Marblehead, our young Thacher had such a strong and sad impression upon his mind, about the issue of the voyage, that he, with another, would needs go the journey by land, and so he escaped perishing with some of his pious and precious friends by sea."

For the purpose of continuing his studies, he entered the family of the Rev. Charles Chauncy, minister of Scituate, and afterward president of Harvard College, who undertook to aid him in his preparation for the Gospel ministry. By the assistance of this eminent scholar, in connection with his own vigorous application, he became distinguished, not only in the common academical studies, but also in Hebrew, Arabic, and Syriac. He was a great proficient in logic, and was well skilled in both the theory and practice of mechanics. He was much celebrated for his beautiful handwriting, and not only wrote with great ease, but produced specimens of writing in Syriac and other Oriental charachters.

As was not uncommon in that period, he studied both medicine and theology, and in both professions gained a high reputation. He has the honour of being the author of the first medical tract ever published in Massachusetts - namely, "A Brief Guide to the Common People in the Small Pox and Measles," printed in 1677. (For a facsimile of this broadside, see "Memorial History of Boston", V.4, p.436. The author modestly says: "I am, though no physician, yet a well wisher to the sick.")

Having gone through the requisite course of preparation for the ministry, he commenced preaching under highly favorable auspices, and was soon invited to the pastoral charge of the church in Weymouth. Here he was ordained Jan. 2, 1644, and here he continued to labour with great fidelity and acceptance for more than twenty years.

Thomas Thacher.

Mr. Thacher married May 11, 1643, Elizabeth, daughter of the Rev. Ralph Partridge, minister of the church at Duxbury. She was widow of William Kemp and had a daughter, Patience Kemp who married Samuel Seabury. The children of Thomas & Elizabeth were:

THOMAS (1644-1686) m. Mary Savage; RALPH (1648-1733) m. Ruth Partridge; PETER (1651-1727) m. Theodora Oxenbridge; ELIZABETH d1678.

Additional Reference: "Annals of the American Pulpit" Wm. B. Sprague, 1857, V.I, p.127

16th June, 1991

Dear Nancy, Well! The Great Day has arrived - and gone. Everything went well and even the weather was kind and the rain only arrived whilst we were having our Parish Lunch in the Village Hall.

The service was constructed around a typical morning service in the time of Peter Thacher, concluded with communion. The chapel will be used for services on Saints Days and other communion services where a small number will be taking part. We ended up with the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic' especially in Elwood's honour!

Before the service the congregation was entertained by the local team of hand bell ringers - all girls between 11 & 16. The church bells, the heaviest peal of six in the world, were rung before and after the service. On St. Barnabas Day, 11th June, our band of ringers rang a peal of 5040 changes in 3 hours 11 minutes in celebration of the occasion. It was great to hear those lovely bells ringing out for all that time.

The Parish Lunch was a great success at which we were able to honour Elwood by presenting him with an engraved glass fruit bowl. On one quarter was engraved 'To Elwood J. Thacher with grateful thanks', on the opposite quarter 'St. Barnabas Church, Queen Camel 1291-1991'. The other two quarters had an engraving of the Church, Queen Camel (see the one on the service sheet), and the village emblem (copy attached).

We were able to provide further entertainment for the Thachers during their stay and these included a visit to the Naval Air Museum at Yeovilton, the Vintage Car Museum at Sparkford and a memorable trip to our Diocesan Cathedral at Wells. I think they thoroughly enjoyed their stay with us!

I am enclosing a revised and updated guide to St. Barnabas Church. It has been prepared to coincide with the anniversary and dedication. We sincerely hope that all of this will encourage members of the American Thacher dynasty to visit us here in Queen Camel! I shall be pleased to welcome any of them if I know they are coming!

Having re-read my last letter to you - in the Thacher Quarterly Bulletin May, 1991, I feel I have somewhat confused the value of the church in 1291. 13 shillings and 4 pence was the value of a mark - so the church was actually valued at £13.6s.8d. in old English money (£13.33 decimal) - or about $22.

I feel very proud to be considered an honorary member of such a distinguished family!

Sincere regards,

Irene & Gordon

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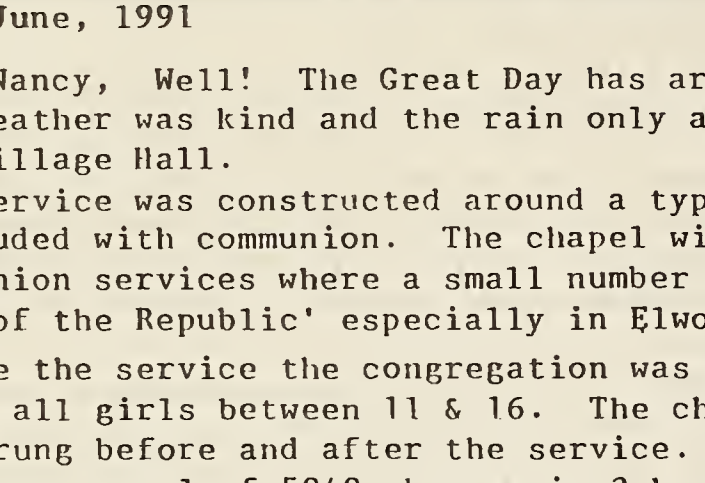


Service of

DEDICATION

of

MEMORIAL CHAPEL

in memory of

The REVEREND PETER THACHER

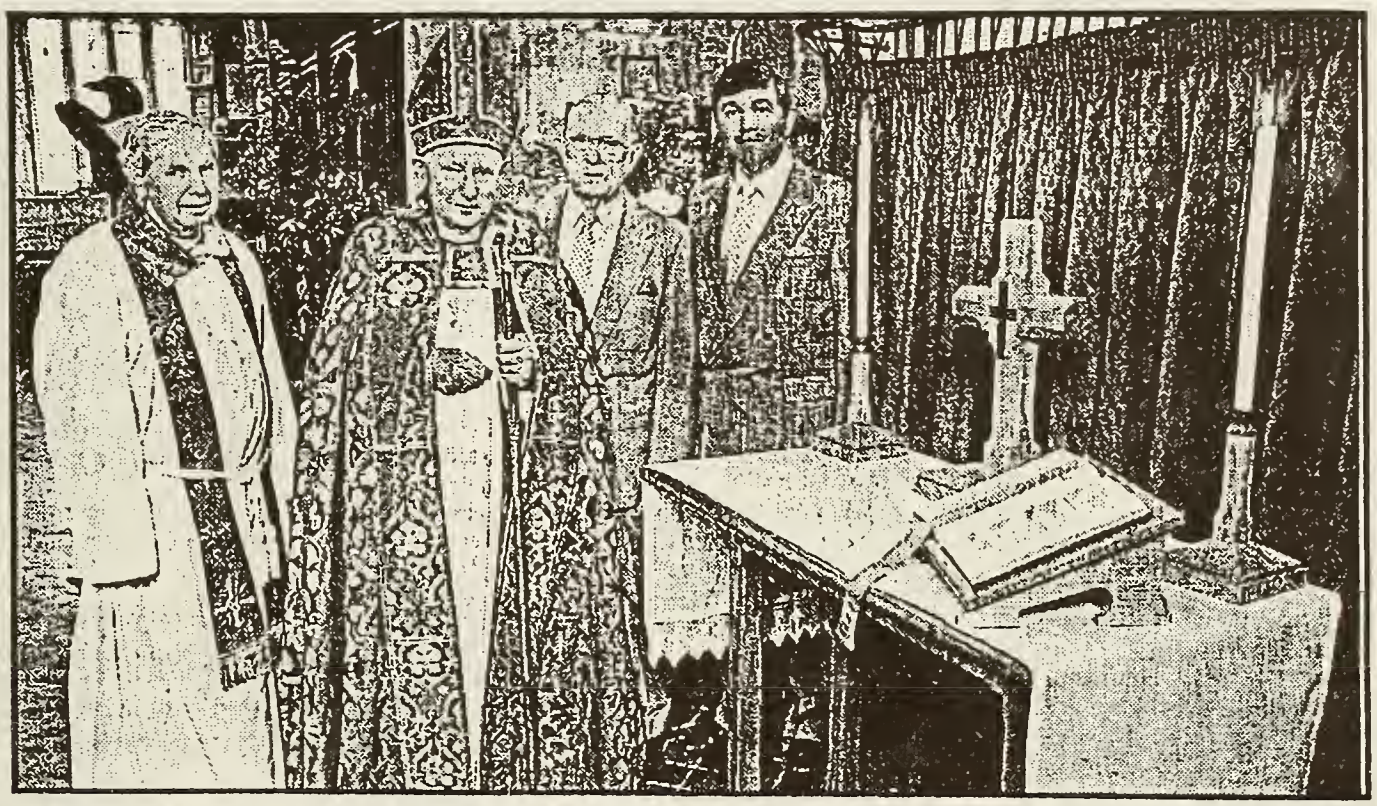
(Incumbent of QUEEN CAMEL 1574 - 1624)

by

The RIGHT REVEREND E. DAVID CARTWRIGHT

SUNDAY 9th JUNE 1991 11 a.m.

Service marks church double



● FROM LEFT: The Rev Lyn Morris, the Rt Rev E. David Cartwright and Elwood and Thomas Thacher at the new altar in Queen Camel church. *Picture by Eugene Tagilone.*

A DOUBLE celebration of times past took place at St Barnabas' Church, Queen Camel, on Sunday.

The church was first mentioned in a 13th-century traveller's chronicle and the 700th anniversary of this was marked by the visit of an American benefactor whose ancestor, Peter Thacher, was vicar of the church from 1574 to 1624.

Elwood J. Thacher, aged 84, of Florida spent 60 years compiling 14 books full of his ancestral history. When he came across the story of Peter he donated more than £8,000 to reconstruct an altar and piscina in the church's south aisle.

A special dedication service in memory of Peter Thacher was conducted by the Rt Rev E. David Cartwright, retired Bishop of Southampton, before a 170-strong congregation including Elwood Thacher and his son Thomas.

They were the first to take communion at the new altar together with the Rev Lyn Harris, the church's current vicar, builder Frank Taylor and his wife and church wardens Charles Knight and Gordon Moore.

Mr Thacher said: "The service was the most delightful I have ever been to. The bishop and Mr Morris had researched my records and, as far as they were able, reconstructed a service and hymns which would have been typical of Peter's era.

"I have always been interested in our connection with Queen Camel and Sunday was a special occasion for the family. We are delighted to have been able to help the church in some way."

Gordon Moore organised fund raising for both the chapel and a cobbled path restoration appeal six years ago, towards which Mr Thacher made a generous donation.

Mr Moore said: "We were thrilled with the way everything turned out and don't know how to begin to thank Mr Thacher for the help and interest he has given our church.

"We were delighted that he and his son were able to be with us on such a special day."

Queen Camel Brownies, Guides and Rangers led the procession in and out of the church and Mr Thacher was presented with an inscribed glass fruit bowl as a memento of the service which was followed by a celebration lunch.

Remarks by Elwood J. Thacher "After a Luncheon in Memorial Hall and Presentation of Gifts", June 9th, 1991, Queen Camel

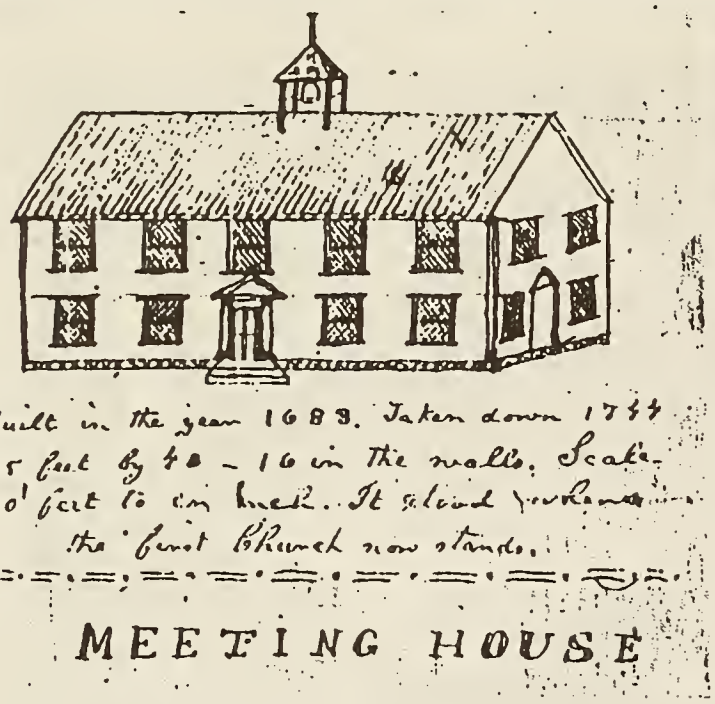
"It is indeed a privilege for me and my son, Thomas, to be here with you today on this special Sunday to celebrate the 700th Anniversary of St. Barnabas Church. It is a pleasure to have witnessed the Dedication of your new chapel in Mildmay Corner dedicated to the memory of Rev. Peter Thacher who was vicar of St. Barnabas Church from 1574-1624 - over 400 years and more than 12 generations since his ministry.

Rev. Peter Thacher of Queen Camel has two very large branches of descendants in America - his son, Anthony (the Yarmouth Branch) and grandson, Thomas (the Boston Branch), are ancestors of thousands of Thacher descendants in America.

For over 200 years following Rev. Peter Thacher of Queen Camel, the oldest son of each new generation not only carried on his profession as a minister of the gospel, but also carried on his name, Peter Thacher.

I am of the 11th generation. Next month marks my 84th milestone. Never in all my years of writing about our Thacher family history, did I think that I would be privileged to visit the church where Rev. Peter Thacher preached. I visited Queen Camel in July of 1987 to walk the restored 600 year old cobblestone paths leading to St. Barnabas Church, and today, June 9, 1991 to witness your 700th Anniversary celebration and chapel dedication.

Thank you one and all for a very special welcome, and thanks especially to my good friend and correspondent, Gordon Moore. Queen Camel and St. Barnabas Church will always be a part of my thoughts and most treasured memories. Elwood J. Thacher
June 9th, 1991



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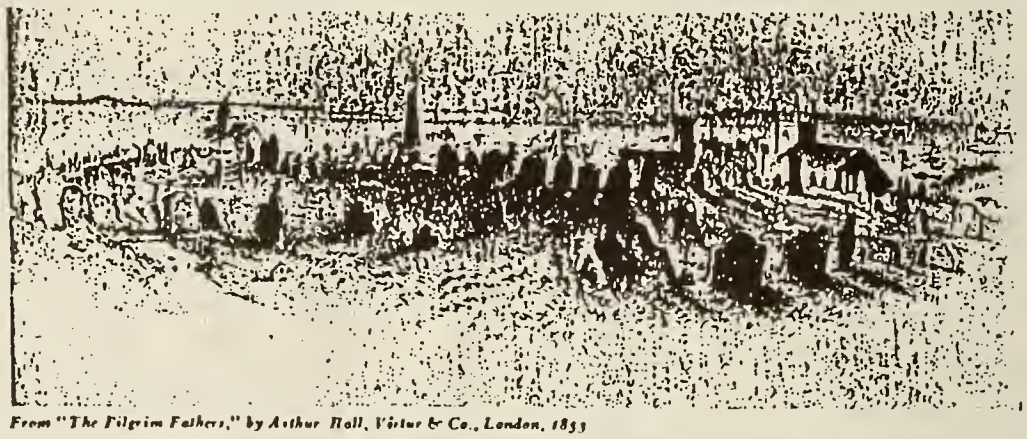
AT PLYMOUTH 1683-1744

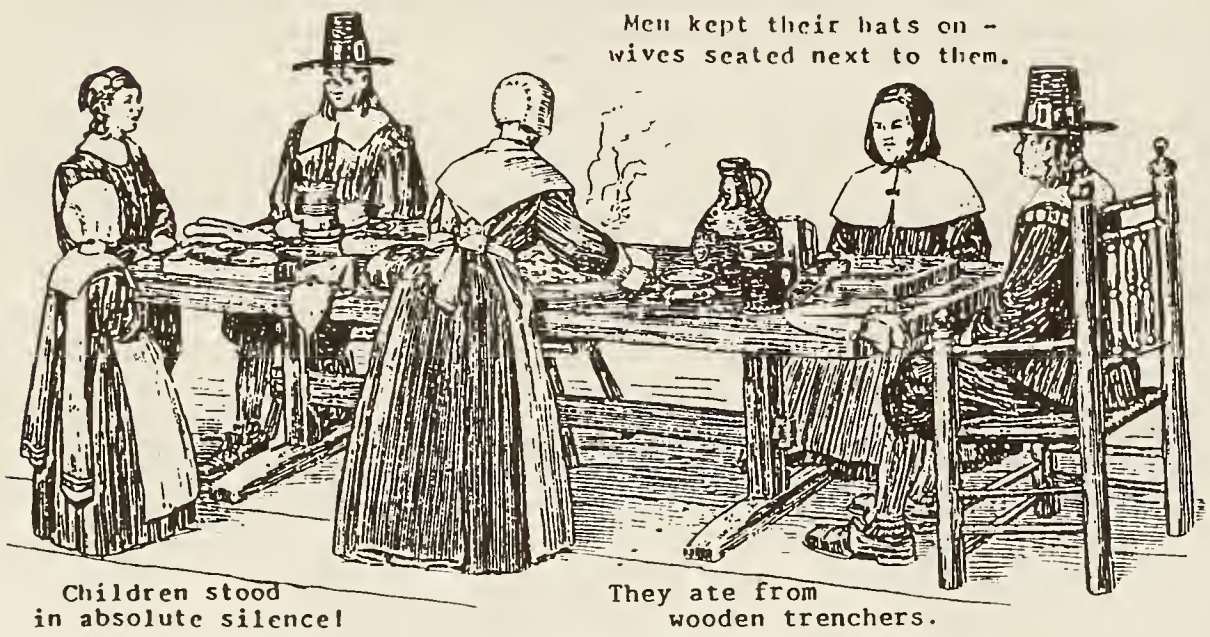


From "The Pilgrim Fathers," by Arthur Hall, Virtue & Co., London, 1853

BURIAL HILL, PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS
The second burial ground of the Pilgrims. Governor Bradford's monument is shown at the left of the center of the picture.

The most inspiring place in Plymouth is the second cemetery used by the Pilgrims, on Burial Hill, the First Cemetery in New England.

The first cemetery was sown and continually levelled to conceal the awful loss of life both from the colonists and from the Indians.



THANKSGIVING DINNER AT PLYMOUTH

According to George F. Willison in "Saints & Strangers" the first Thanksgiving dinner consisted of roast duck and goose, shell-fish, "delectable eels", white bread and corn bread. For the salad course were leeks, watercress and other "sallet herbs". And for dessert there were wild plums, and dried berries. Their beverage was wild grape wine, red and white which was sweet and strong. Although the encyclopedia states that they dined on "four wild turkies", Mr. Willison contends that the traditional Thanksgiving turkey, pumpkins and cranberries came later on.

Other Pilgrim fare were Hodgepodge (stew), Sauquetash (soup), Hasty Pudding and Frumenty, (a cereal-like dessert). They began their day with a strong draft of beer or ale!

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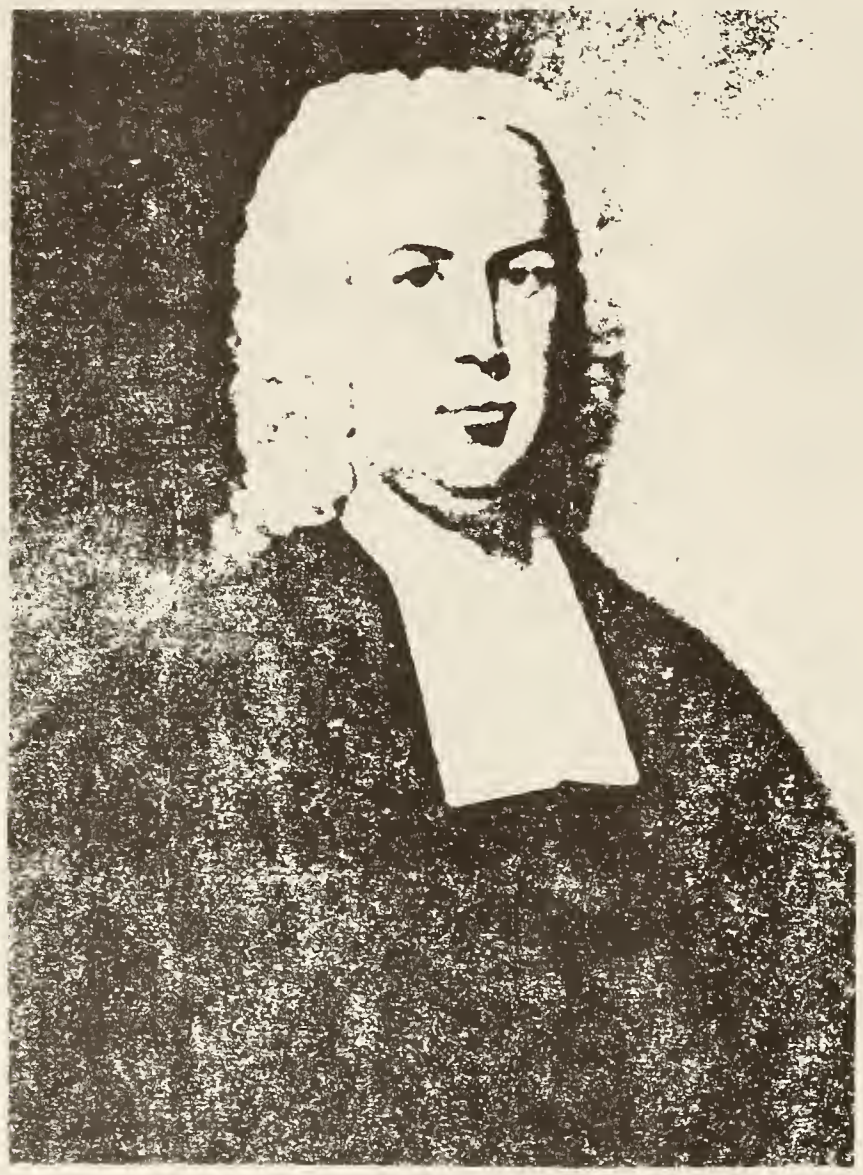

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m. 1) Rebecca Winslowe (1643-c1683) d/o Josiah (1605-1674) & Margaret (Bourne) Winslowe
Ch: Peter 1665, DEACON JOSIAH[4] 1667 Rebecca 1669, Bethia 1671, JOHN[4] 1674, Eliz. 1675, Hannah 1677, Mary 1679, Child c1683 died.
m. 2) Lydia Gorham, (1661-1744), d/o Capt. John (c1620-1675) & Desire (Howland) Gorham, d/o John Howland of the Mayflower.
Ch: Lydia c1685, Mary c1686, Desire 1688, Hannah 1690, Mercy 1692 died, JUDAH[4] 1693, Mercy 1695, ANN[4] 1697, Joseph 1699, Benjamin 1701, Mercy 1703, Thomas 1705.

JUDAH[3] THACHER (c1640-1676) of Yarmouth
m. Mary Thornton (1640-1708) d/o Rev. Thomas Thornton
Ch: Eliz. 1667, Thomas 1669, Mary 1671, Judah died, Ann 1674, Judah 1676.
(Eliz. m. Rev. Peter[4] Thacher b.1651 of Milton, Mass., his 2nd wife.)

BETHIAH (THACHER) HOWLAND b.c1645
m. Jabez Howland (c1644-c1712) s/o John & Eliz. Howland
Ch. HOWLAND: Jabez 1669, John 1672, Bethiah 1674 died, Josiah 1676, John 1679, Judah 1683 died Seth 1684 died, Samuel 1686, Experience 1687 died, Joseph 1692, Elizabeth.
(They moved from Plymouth to Bristol, R.I. c1680.)

Desc'ts. of 1st Wife:

DEACON JOSIAH[4] THACHER (1667-1701) m. Mary Hedge

CAPT. JOSIAH[5] THACHER (1701-1780)

DANIEL[6] THACHER (1739-1776)

REV. WM.[7] THACHER (1769-1856)

CHARLES A.[8] THACHER (1809-1893)

WM. R.[9] THACHER (1887-1972)

*CAROL[10] (THACHER) VAN EVERA b.1942 of Vienna, VA

JOHN[6] THACHER (1742-1805)

ANTHONY[7] THACHER (1782-1844)

JULIA H.[8] (THACHER) TOTTEN (1823-1906)

JOHN REYNOLDS[9] TOTTEN (1856-1936)

NATHANIEL W.[8] THACHER (1807-1874)

EDWARD STRODE[9] THACHER

JOHN[4] THACHER (1671-17[illegible]) Desire (Sturgis) Dimmock (Gr'dau. Desire (Howland) Gorham)

JOHN[5] THACHER (1703-1783) & Content Norton

DR. JAMES[6] THACHER (1754-1844) of Plymouth & Susannah Hayward

THACHER, JR. (1887-1960)

VIRGINIA THACHER b.1912

EDWARD STRODE[11] THACHER III b. 1914

ANNE THACHER b.1918

*JOHN WOODBRIDGE[11] THACHER of Nunn, Col.

JEANNE[11] (THACHER) Barnes, Turner b. 1922

EDWARD STRODE[12] THACHER IV Mission Viejo CA

GEORGE LINN[12] THACHER Elk Grove, CA

*BRUCE J.[12] THACHER Laguna Niguel CA

ALEXANDER C.[13] b. 1975

JESSICA S.[13] b. 1983

TIMOTHY L.[13] b. 1984

PATRICK J.[13] b. 1988

ROM HARTFORD[12] BARNES b. 1941 of Albuquerque, NM

*GREGORY THACHER[13] BARNES b. 1972

JEREMY H.[13] BARNES b. 1976

BARBARA D.[12] BARNES NELSON b. 1943

*FREDERICK TUCKER[13] NELSON b. 1972

NATHAN TAYLOR[13] NELSON b.1973 of Greely, CO

MARY[4] (THACHER) GORHAM (1686-1778) & SHUBAEL GORHAM (1686-1746)

JOHN[5] GORHAM (1709-1750) & Elizabeth Allyn

ELIZABETH[6] (GORHAM) ROGERS (1739-1769) & Daniel Rogers

JOHN GORHAM[7] ROGERS (1762-1802) & Mercy Rogers

DANIEL W.[8] ROGERS (1791-1834)

JONATHAN K.[9] ROGERS (1821-1888)

SARAH[10] (ROGERS) GARLAND (1861-1935)

ALICE[11] (GARLAND) WALEN (1888-1979)

* HARRY L.[12] WALEN b. 1915 of Rockport, MA

Desc'ts. of 2nd Wife:

JUDAH[4] THACHER (1693-1775) m. Sarah Crosby (1701-1771)

JOSEPH[5] THACHER (1726-1771) m. Abigail Hawes

SOLOMAN[6] THACHER (1750-1798)

SAMUEL[7] THACHER (1786-1871)

WATSON[8] THACHER (1816-1900)

FRANKLIN[9] THACHER (1842-)

FRANK G.[10] THACHER (1876-1953)

HINCKLEY[11] THACHER (1907-1933)

*FRANK G.[12] THACHER II b.1933 of Hyannis, MA

CAROLINE G.[10] (THACHER) HARRIS

*ISABEL[11] (HARRIS) MATTERSON of Ames, Iowa

DAVID[5] THACHER (1730-1801) m. Abigail Russell

DAVID[6] THACHER (1764-1830)

CHAS. F.[7] THACHER (1812-1874)

LOTHROP[8] THACHER (1859-1947)

WALTER G.[9] THACHER (1886-1968)

*ROBERT A.[10] THACHER b.1913 Minneapolis, MN

*THOMAS A.[11] THACHER b. 1947 of Santa Cruz. CA

TYLER[12] THACHER b.1980

RYAN[12] THACHER b.1984

JOSIAH[5] THACHER (1732-1802) m. Mary (Miller) Hedge

JAMES[6] THACHER (1764-1832)

ALFRED[7] THACHER (1816-1890)

EDMUND F.[8] THACHER (1856-1923)

HARRY IVAN[9] THACHER (1890-1965)

*HARRIS I.[10] THACHER b. 1930 of Janesville, WI

FREDERICK C.[11] b. 1960 of Seminole, FL

BRETT HARRIS[12] b. 1992

JUDITH EILEEN[11] (THACHER) UPMANN b. 1962 of Waukegan IL

JANET M. UPMANN b. 1989

CHERYL L.[12] UPMANN b. 1992

ANN[4] (THACHER) LOTHROP (1697-1796) m. John Lothrop

ELIZ.[5] (LOTHROP) WILLIS (1740-1823)

WEARAM[6] WILLIS (1780-1860)

DIADAMIA D.[7] (WILLIS) (1820-1893) THACHER m. Stephen R. Thacher (1826-1916)

HANNAH H.[8] (THACHER) ARMSTRONG (1846-1932)

NEVA D.[9] (ARMSTRONG) CORWIN (1883-1966)

*GERALD ARMSTRONG CORWIN[10] b. 1913 of Salt Lake City, UT "Jerry"

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OLD SOUTH

Church Gathered 1669

First House Built 1670

This House Built 1728

Desecrated by British Troops 1775-1776

To the Memory of REV. THOMAS THACHER:

"Though the earth contains his dust, his name is yet immortal;
It shall light the future ages as o'er the past it beamed
While his soul, set free from prison, seekd the ever-open portal
Where the shining ones are waiting to welcome the redeemed."

ON PAGE ONE: The Portrait of Rev. Thomas Thacher which is owned by and is displayed in the present Old South Church, Boston.

Latin Elegy to the memory of Rev. Thomas Thacher, composed by an Indian youth named Eleazar, then a student at Harvard College.

Logo of the the Old South Association in Boston; The Old South Meeting House, Corner of Washington and Milk Streets.

"THERE GOES A PURITAN!"

Rev. Thomas Thacher, First Minister of The Old South Church

'His ministry seems to have been a very happy and useful one, and he became one of the most popular preachers in the Colony. His labours, both in Weymouth and in Boston, were crowned with signal success, each of the churches having greatly increased both in numbers and graces, while under his care.

When as a young man Thomas Thacher was prepared for the duties of the ministry, he was not long an idle candidate. Such was his pious deportment, and so manifest his qualifications for a Gospel teacher, that he was soon invited to become pastor of the church at Weymouth, where he was ordained Jan. 2, 1644.

In May, 1643, Mr. Thacher married "Eliza", youngest daughter of the Rev. Ralph Partridge, the first minister of Duxbury. She was a person eminent for her amiable qualities, her prudence and piety. She died in great peace on June 2, 1664, leaving three sons and one daughter (and a daughter, Patience, child of her first husband, Wm. Kemp).

The children of Thomas & Elizabeth were:
Thomas, born 1644 Weymouth & died Apr. 2, 1686; married Mary Savage
Ralph/Rodolphus, born 1648 Weymouth, died Jul. 26, 1733; married Ruth Partridge
Peter, born Jul. 18, 1651 Salem, died Dec. 27, 1727; married Theodora Oxenbridge
Elizabeth, born c1757 Salem, died Jun. 11, 1678; m. 1) Capt. Nathaniel Davenport
2) Samuel Davis

After the death of his first wife, Mr. Thacher married again in Boston, Margaret Webb Schaeffe, which seems to have been a principal reason for his removal thither. He resided at Boston for some time before he received his second pastoral charge. He preached occasionally, but was chiefly employed in practising as a physician. He was conspicuous as a learned divine; and when the Third (Old South) Church was founded in Boston, he was chosen as the first pastor. His installation took place on the 16th of Feb., 1669, and he continued in that station until his death on Oct. 15, 1678. Rev. Samuel Willard was settled as his colleague a few months before Mr. Thacher's death.

Thomas Thacher's sermons are said to have been "elaborate" and "affectionate". Besides preaching twice on the Sabbath, he maintained lectures on other days of the week, and was particularly attentive to the children and youth of his charge. But in nothing was he more distinguished than in the gift and the spirit of prayer. "Here," says Cotton Mather, "he had an eminency above most men living, for his copious, his fluent, his fervent manner of performing that sacred exercise." He entered with great zeal into the Quaker controversy which arose during his time, regarding Quakerism as a system of unmixed and fatal error.

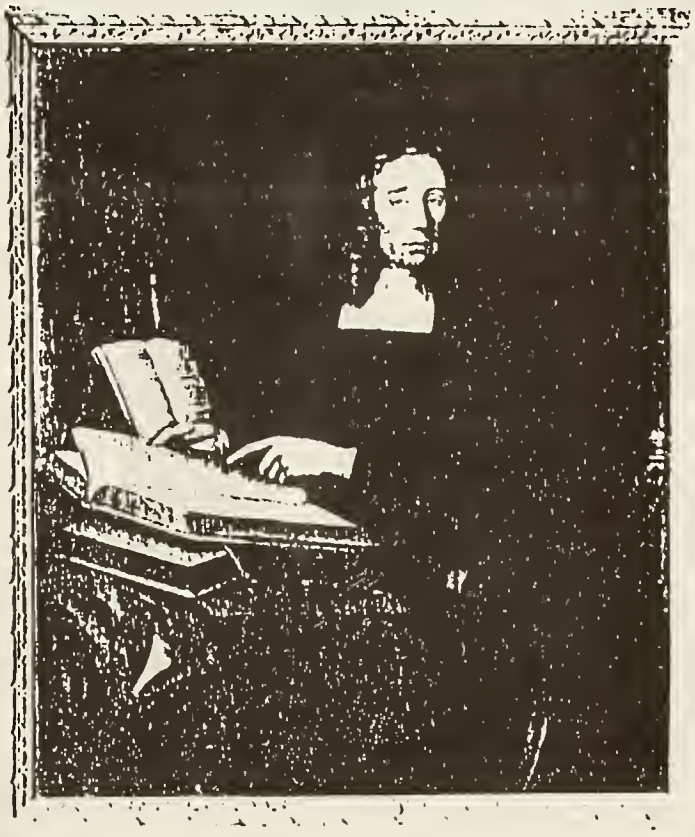
Mr. Thacher died aged fifty-eight years. He had been preaching for Increase Mather a sermon on I. Peter iv., 18, the last words of which were: "When a saint comes to die, then often it is the hour and power of darkness with him; then is the last opportunity that the devil has to vex the people of God; and hense they then sometimes have the greatest of their distresses. Don't think him no godly man, that then meets with doubts and fears. Our Lord Jesus Christ then cries out, 'My God, my god, why hast thou forsaken me?' God help us that, as we live by faith, so may we walk in it!" These proved the last words of the last sermon that he ever preached; for, immediately upon leaving the assembly, he went out to visit a sick person and took a cold which settled into a fever, and in a short time terminated his life. He died in great peace, a stranger to those gloomy doubts and apprehensions to which he had so significantly alluded in the close of his discourse.

... more on Page 3 ...

Rev. Richard Mather
Wood engraving by John Foster.

(1596-1669)

Son of Thomas Mather of Lowton, England
First minister of the First Church at Dorchester
He came on the James Aug. 14, 1635, arriving during the same storm that struck Cape Ann, Mass. as the Thacher family sailed from Ipswich to Marblehead.



REV. INCREASE MATHER

Minister of Old North Church, Boston, Massachusetts.
He was born 1639 at Dorchester. Graduated from Harvard College, 1656 & Trinity, Dublin, 1658.
1674, with Rev. Thomas Thacher, received 1st grant of a license for a printing press at Boston.

Rev. Cotton Mather
(1662-1728)
Son of Increase Mather & Maria Cotton, daughter of Rev. John Cotton.
1678 Harvard College, where Peter Thacher was his tutor.

Author of 7 volumes of "Magnalia Christi Americana" ('Mather's Magnalia')
An Ecclesiastical History of New England
1702

According to Dr. Cotton Mather, Rev. Thomas Thacher was a great logician and well versed in mechanics, both in theory and practice, and could make all kinds of clockwork to admiration. In 1677 he published a work entitled a "Brief Guide in the Small Pox and Measles," which was the first medical work published in America. Mather says he was a most incomparable scribe. His sermons are charactarized by a strict regard to method, by a fervent evangelical spirit, and especially by a beautiful chirography.

"From this time," (the time of his being settled in Boston,) "I beheld him in the metropolis of the English America, not only dispensing both light and warmth unto his own particular flock, but also, as he had opportunity, expressing a care of all the churches. And for the comfort of those worthy ministers, who commonly have their spirits buffetted with strong temptations and sore dejections, before their performing any special service of their ministry, I'll mention one passage that may a little describe how this worthy man became so useful: he would say to his son,—'Son, I never preach a sermon till I cannot preach at all.'

"As he was in his whole behaviour a serious, holy and useful man, so in his government of his family, he so well ruled his own house, as to give particular demonstrations of his abilities to take care of the Church of God. His domestics both loved him and feared him, and he was most conscientiously and exemplarily careful about their interior as well as temporal welfare. This appeared especially in the management of his family worship, wherein he usually read a portion of the Scriptures, both morning and evening, and he would raise doctrines from every verse with brief confirmations and close applications thereof, as he went along. Yea, sometimes, one might hear from him thus in one family exposition as entertaining a variety of truth, notably and pungently expressed, as in several public sermons; and he has told his worthy son, for his encouragement unto such exercises, that he had found as much advantage by them as by most of his other studies of Divinity; adding that he looked upon it as the Lord's gracious accomplishment of that word,—'Shall I hide anything from Abraham? I know Abraham that he will teach his house.'"

At left is an account of the character of Rev. Thomas Thacher by Cotton Mather from Sprague's "Annals of the American Pulpit", V. I, p. 128. (See MATHER V.I, pgs. 75, 89, 151.)

Additional reference from Carroll Thacher of S. Attleboro, Mass. by D: W. Allen:

"THACHER GENEALOGY"
Genealogy & Biographical Sketches of Desc'ts. of Thomas & Antony Thacher from their Settlement in New England June 4, 1635.
Vineland, N.J., 1872.

Portraits: "Album of Am. History" Adams, V.I, p.73; "Annals of Am. Pulpit" Frontispiece

Church Buildings and Services

The first church of Boston was built in 1632. It was a one-story building with a small thatched roof and stood on State Street, which was then the center of the town. There were four glass windows on each side of the church. A pulpit stood at the end farthest from the door. Near the pulpit were eight pews. The magistrates, elders, and the deacons sat near the pulpit. The other men sat on one side of the church and the women and girls on the other. The boys sat in one corner where the tithing-man could keep them in order. Back of the pews were more ordinary benches without backs for the common people.

There was no means of heating the building, therefore many of the people took foot stoves with them to services. The foot stove was a square box made of iron, pierced with many tiny holes. It had a handle by which it could be carried. It was filled with live coals. Only the richest of the church members had this means of keeping warm. The poorer people who had no foot stoves were so cold that they often sat in fear of causing "unseemly disturbance" by the chattering of their teeth.

In 1640, the first church building was replaced by a larger edifice. The house erected in 1640 was of wood and stood in what is now Washington Street, a little to the south of, and opposite to the head of State Street. It was destroyed by fire in October, 1711.

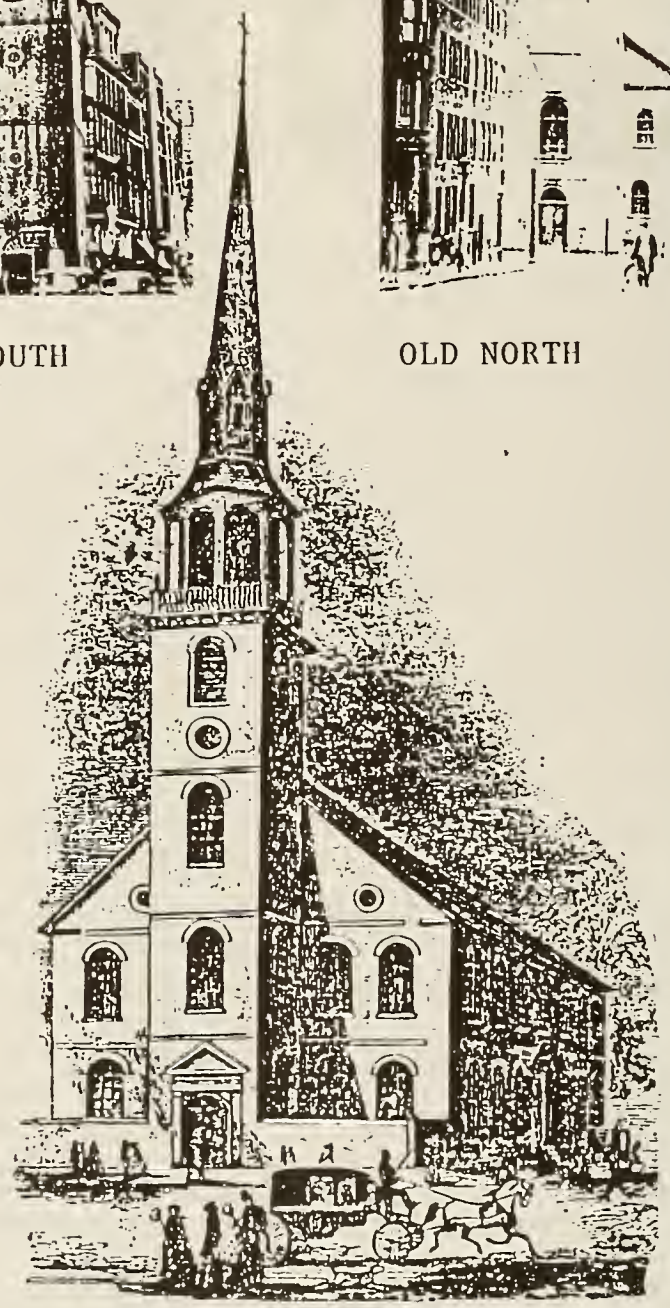
There was but one meeting-house in Boston until the year 1650. Then one was erected at the North End at the head of what was later called North Square. Samuel Mather was its first minister. The first sermon was preached in it on the fifth of June, 1650. To distinguish it from the First Church, it was called the North Church and in time the Old North Church. It was burned "to ashes" in 1676 and rebuilt the following year.

The next church was built in 1670 by people who were out of sympathy with the preaching at the First Church. This new church was the Old South Church at the head of Milk Street. The ground on which it stood was part of an original grant to Governor Winthrop.

"The House of God" by Desiden Holisher p. 30

OLD SOUTH

OLD NORTH



OLD SOUTH CHURCH

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These three churches show the extent of Boston during the first fifty years of its settlement, because the growth of a section was accompanied by an increase in the size and number of its churches.

The Puritans called their churches "meeting-houses" and they were used for town meetings and other civic purposes. They were more like the "community churches" than any other churches of today. By "church" the Puritans meant the communicants.

Although these early meeting-houses were rough and bare, there were silversmiths in Boston like John Hill and Robert Sanderson who made beautiful chalices and other silver vessels for the communion service. You may see some of these at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Sunday was the worst day in the week for the boys and girls. Dressed up in their best clothes they were expected to keep spotlessly clean all day. They were not to run or jump, but must walk slowly and quietly. The whole family arrived at the church or the meeting-house before nine o'clock.

The service began with a prayer by the minister, lasting about twenty minutes. Next, all the people joined in singing a Psalm and the minister then preached for an hour or more.

While the service was going on, the tithing-man, who had a long cane with a rabbit's foot fastened to it at one end and a knob at the other, walked up and down watching the people. If he saw a little girl falling asleep he would tickle her face with the fur of the rabbit's foot to wake her, but if a boy was disorderly he gave him a blow with the hard end of the stick.

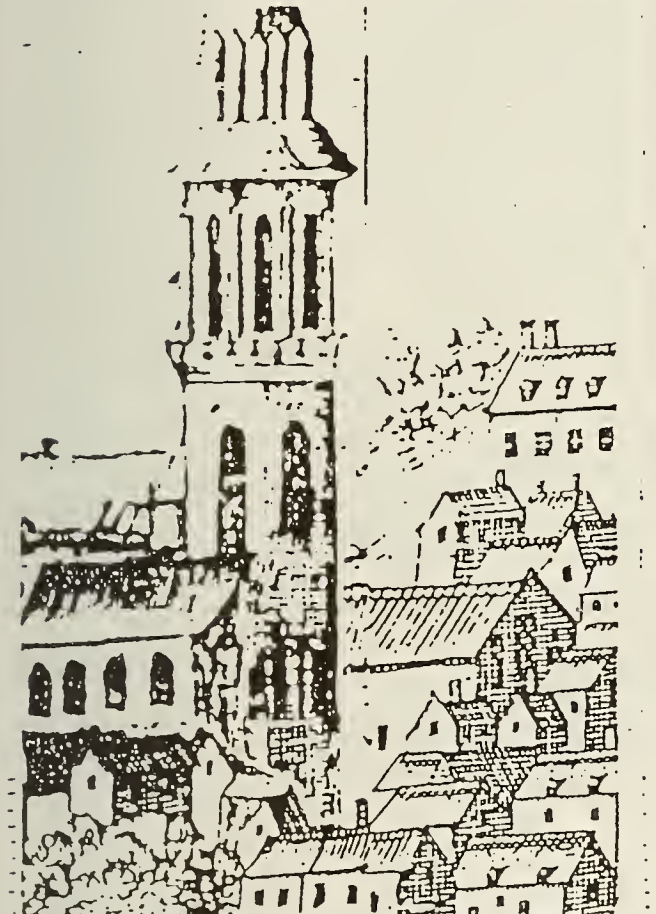
When the service was finished the family went home to dinner and returned to church at two o'clock when another service was held. It was four o'clock when the second service was over.

from "Tercentenary of Massachusetts Bay Colony" 1630-1930, p. 109, 110

"AND PLEAD FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL"

Old South Church in Boston 1669-1969 - Page 32, 33

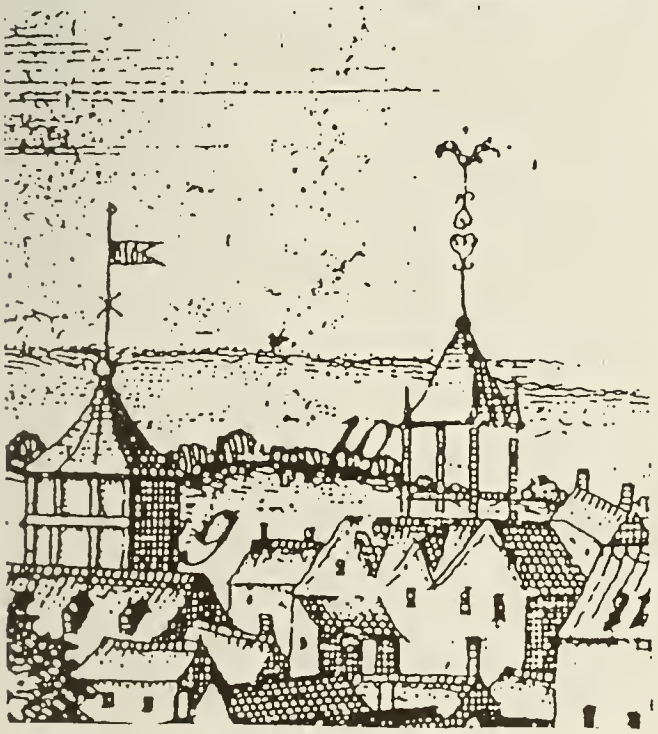
by Ola Elizabeth Winslow, 1970



Old Cedar Meetinghouse

By courtesy of The British Museum

A portion of the Price map of Boston showing the Cedar Meetinghouse. In this copy of the map the spire of the brick meetinghouse has been pasted over the original structure.



Old Cedar Meetinghouse

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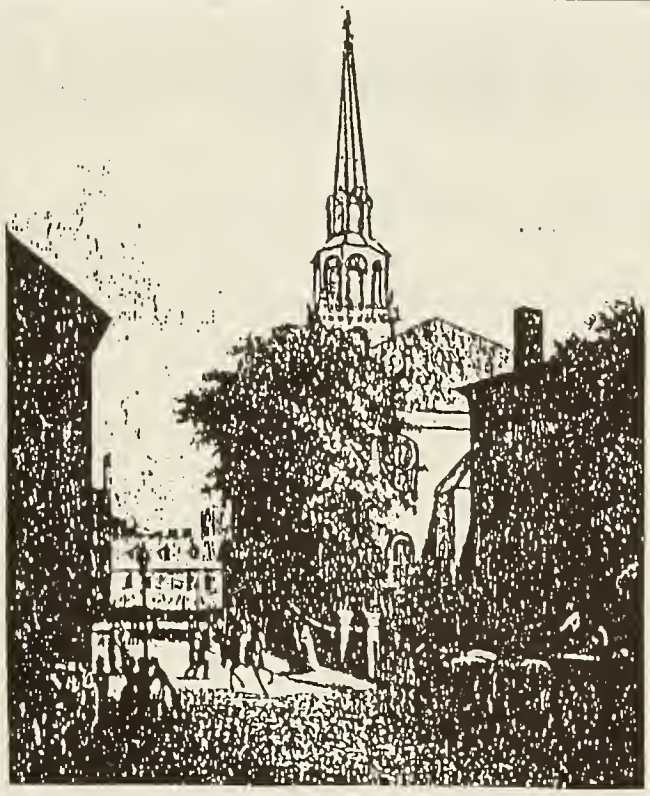
The pasted portion removed, the tower and gables of the Cedar Meetinghouse appear on the original site.



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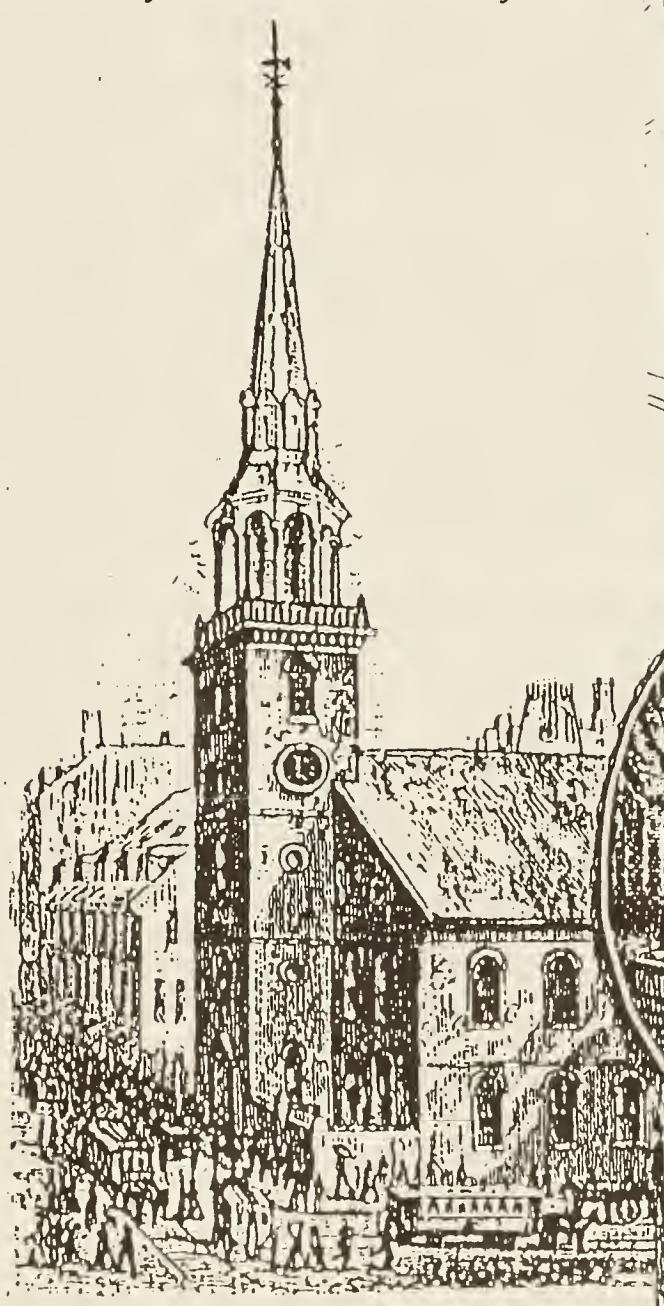

"The Real America in Romance"

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NEW ENGLAND WORSHIPS

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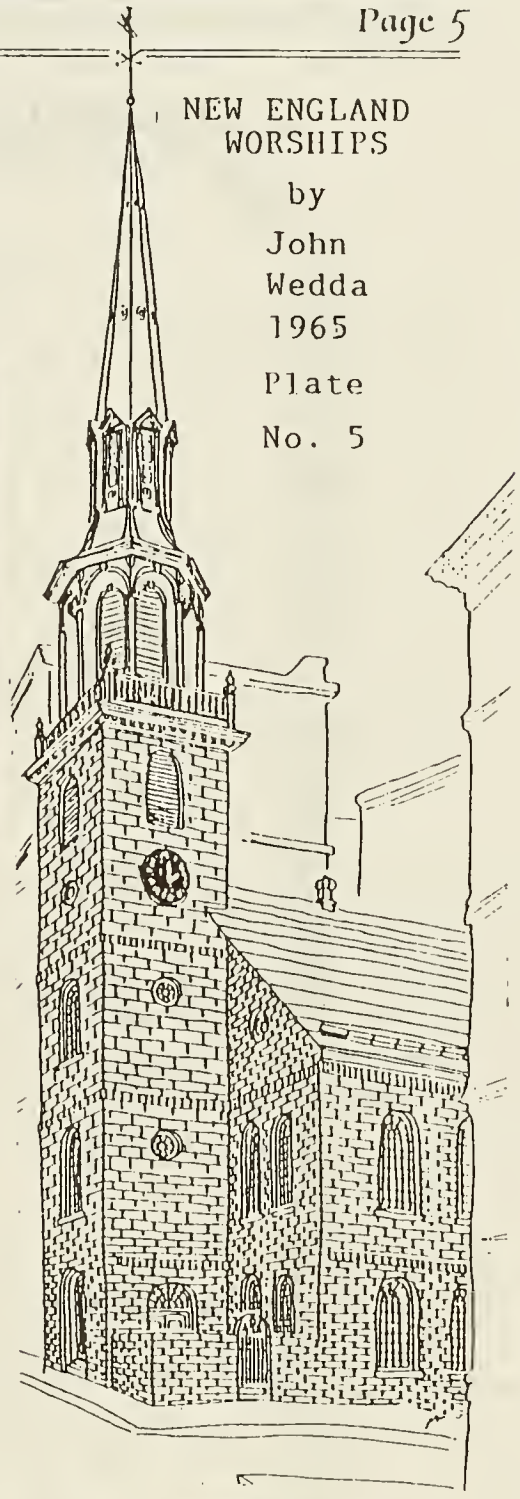

To the Old South Association, in Boston:

The undersigned hereby offers to give to said Association the original Portrait of

Rev. Thomas Thacher,

one of the founders and the first minister of the Third or Old South Church, in Boston, on the conditions following, to wit:

1. That it shall be kept and exhibited with other historical curiosities in "the Old South Church," at the head of Milk Street, in Boston, which may be the due and necessary for its preservation and shall never be alienated — sold or given away — by said Association

2. That if, at any future time, said Association shall be dissolved, or its existence in any way be terminated, the said Portrait shall become the property of the succeeding society, denominated the Old South Society, now having its place of worship on Boylston Street, in Boston, and shall be delivered by the person or persons authorized to represent said Association, said Old South Society.

Peter Thacher,

Lake Alay, Orange County, Fla.

By Peter Thacher

85, Milk Street, Boston.

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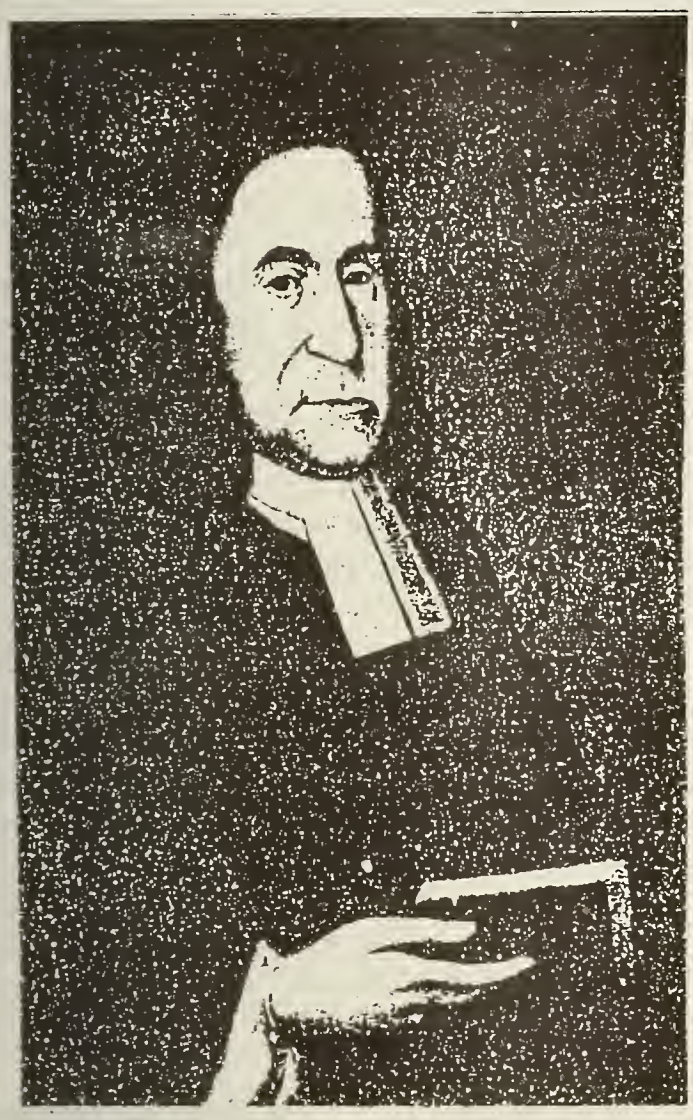


The Portrait
Old South Church, Boston

17th CENTURY PAINTING IN NEW ENGLAND
Catalogue of an Exhibition Held at the
Worcester Art Museum in Collaboration with the
American Antiquarian Society
July and August, 1934

THOMAS THACHER

Subject: Born May 1, 1620 at Milton Cleveden, Somersetshire, England; came to Boston 1635; became pastor of church at Weymouth, Jan. 2, 1645 and of Old South Church, Boston, Feb. 16, 1670; died Oct. 15, 1678.

Description: Half length, head and body turned 3/4 to spectator's right; right hand holding closed book bound in black with light red-brown leaves; brown hair hanging to shoulders from under black skull cap; high forehead, long face; brown eyes and eyebrows; plain black robe, white clerical collar; bit of white shirt sleeve visible at wrist; figure against a dark red-brown painted oval, the 2 upper spandrels dark brown. Relined. Height 29½"; width 24 7/8".

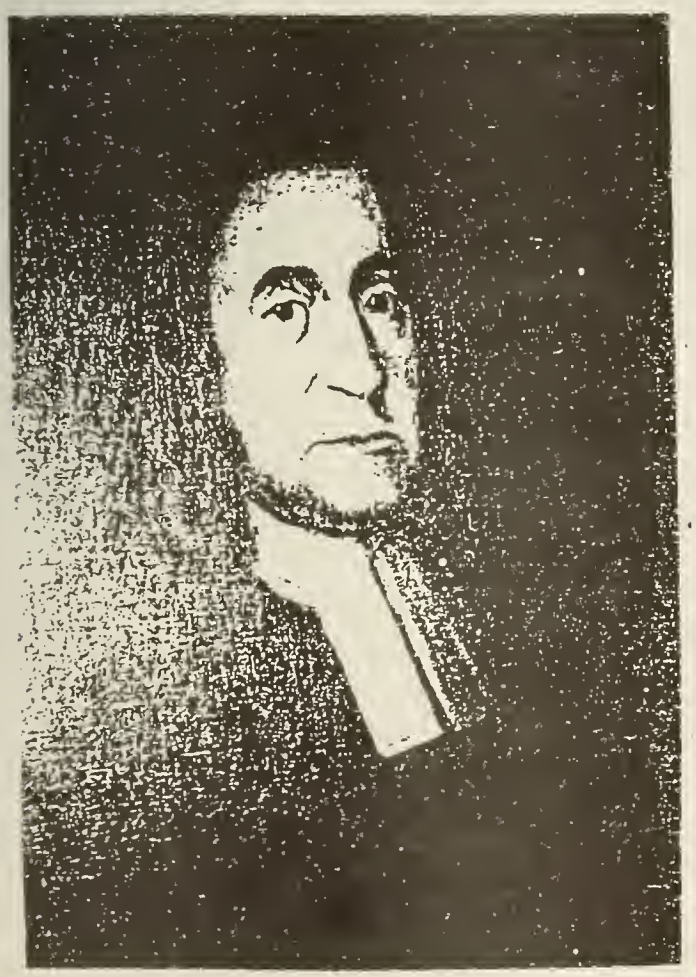
Ownership: Owned by the Old South Association Boston; presented by the Hon. Peter Thacher of Newton, Mass.

Comments: The Hon. Peter Thacher of Newton (1810-1894) was directly descended from Thomas Thacher through the latter's son, Ralph, who though never ordained served as the minister of the town of Chilmark on Martha's Vineyard from abt. 1694 until he moved to Lebanon. CT, abt. 1715.

A letter dated apr. 4, 1935, from Mrs. T.W.Higginson of Cambridge, daughter of the Hon. Peter Thacher, states that the portrait hung in his house in Newton for a time before he gave it to the Old South Association, date unknown. It was a gift, but from whom she does not know. "As a family," she wrote, "we were especially interested in the reverend gentleman's peculiar chin, which seemed to account for the 'Thacher chin' of some of his descendants."

No portrait was mentioned in the wills of Thomas nor in either of his sons, Thomas or Peter. The will of his son, Ralph, who presumably died in Connecticut, has not been located.

Mr. Burroughs reports that this portrait is "thin but cleanly modeled with smooth impasto in which the artist left holes for eyes, eyebrows and lips. The brushwork is cloudy in the face because of repetitions of brush stroke, the the strokes in the robe are broader & simpler. Resembles noted 18th century portraits.



The Second Portrait
Col. John Thacher House, Yarmouth

At left: A Second Portrait owned by the Society for the Preservation of American Antiquities caretakers of the Col. John Thacher House at Yarmouth in which this early 19th century portrait is displayed.

Subject, artist and date unknown.
Possible copy of the original at Old South.

Note the slight difference in the set of the jaw; a difference in the eyes, and tilt of the nose. N.T.W.

THE PORTRAIT OF REV. THOMAS THACHER (?)

When the Hon. Peter Thacher (1810-1894) "of Newton, Mass." presented the portrait to the Old South Association, he wrote an accompanying letter stating that the subject was "Rev. Thomas Thacher, one of the founders and the first minister of Old South Church, Boston." The letter gives his addresses as Lake Mary, Orange County, Florida, and 85 Milk Street, Boston. Old South is located at Washington and Old Milk Street right across from "One Milk Street" where Benjamin Franklin was born, and number 85 is nearby. Hon. Peter Thacher compiled a small genealogy in 1885, entitled "The Thacher Family".

About the turn of the century, my great grandfather, Charles Wilmarth Thacher (1862-1947) became interested in his heritage and joined the Sons of the American Revolution with proof of his American Revolutionary soldier, Pvt. Obadiah Thacher of Attleboro, MA. He received correspondence from genealogist John Reynolds Totten requesting family data. He also learned of our Mayflower line through his mother, Rosina Terpenning Thacher, to Peter Browne, 33rd Signer of the Mayflower Compact.

In the 1930's my grandmother, Katherine Rosina (Thacher) Liitt and her sister, Jessie (Thacher) Hallgren became members of the Fort Armstrong Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, Rock Island, Ill. Great Aunt Jessie attended the annual DAR congress at Washington, D.C., bringing home a copy of our ancestor, Rev. Thomas Thacher's portrait which was kept with our family archives. It is interesting to note here that although my great grandfather and his two daughters documented their history to Obadiah Thacher (1757-1830), they neglected to connect him with Rev. Thomas, despite family tradition that he was their ancestor. This was left to future generations, and then, was not too difficult a task in view of the multitude of material in print concerning the Thachers. Obadiah^{7} was a great, great grandson of Rev. Thomas: Peter^{6}, Peter^{5}, Peter^{4}, Thomas^{3}.

ANOTHER PORTRAIT??

About 1965, my mother (daughter of Katherine), Elizabeth "Betty" Liitt and my father, Rev. Ben L. Tallman vacationed on Cape Cod, visiting the Col. John Thacher House at Yarmouth. As they were led to a portrait of a clergyman, the guide stated that the subject was unknown. Mother exclaimed excitedly: "I know who it is!" "It's Rev. Thomas Thacher!"

THE "1680" — THE COL. JOHN THACHER HOUSE YARMOUTH PORT, MASS
OWNED BY THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF NEW ENGLAND ANTIQUITIES

Almost 20 years later, I began Thacher research and became interested in the 2 portraits and their history. Letters of inquiry were written to the Old South Church and to the Society for Preservation of New Eng. Antiquities, caretakers of the Col. John Thacher House, Yarmouth, Mass. Director of Old South, Cynthia Stone sent a snapshot of their portrait and other material from their records, including "an ancient file card": "Peter Thacher 1810-1895. See large scrapbook, p. 195". She also called the New England Historic & Genealogical Society, keeper of Old South's scrapbooks, but they had none with a page 195...

My reply from the S.P.N.E.A.A. came in the form of a request for information from me, from Jayne E. Stokes, Site Archivist & Curatorial assistant, who was cataloging all items in the Col. John Thacher House! They still did not know the subject of their portrait! Jayne sent snapshots. It was determined that this was a mid-to-late 1800's probable copy of the first portrait at Boston.

It was at first thought that the original"Portrait of Rev. Thomas Thacher"at Old South Church, Boston could be attributed to limner, John Smibert (1688-1751) whose work has been compared to that of Godfrey Kneller (1646-1723),whose ("so-called") "Portrait of Oxenbridge Thacher" c1710, hangs in the Metropolitan Museum, New York. Of course this prompted more correspondence and the Metropolitan Museum informed me that the title of this work had been retitled, "Portrait of a Man" and"re-attributed to Kneller". (1983)

Continued on Page 9...

REFERENCES explored during portrait research were:

"The Founders", Portraits of Persons Born Abroad who Came to the Colonies Before the the Year 1701, by Charles Knowles Bolton, Vol. 2, p. 487-489. Photo of Portrait.

"His good sense," says Savage,"united with a general acquaintance in science of that day, acquired for him a great reputation as a physician, and to complete his honors, Mather who always loves a great exaggeration makes him compose a Hebrew Lexicon so compressed, that within one sheet of paper, he had every considerable word of the language."

"He had a serious illness in 1676 and in 1678 a colleague was obtained for his relief. In 1677 his warfare with Quakerism - "that sink of all errors" as Mather describes it - brought trouble in the form of invasion of the church at sermon time, by "a female Quaker, in a Canvas Frock, her hair disshevelled..."

"His influence upon his congregation may be inferred from Chief Justice Sewall's comment after listening to Thacher on 18 Feb., 1676/7: "Methought it was rather a privilege to dye, and therein be conformed to Christ, than remaining alive at his coming, to be changed."

Bolton notes that "the mouth" in the portrait,"is said to be characteristic of the Thachers to this day." Published 1919.

"Limners and Likenesses" Three Centuries of American Painting by Allan Burroughs Harvard University Press, 1936. Pages 25, 26; photo of Portrait with question mark.

"Then there is the strange personality of the artist who painted Thomas Thacher and Elisha Cook, Sr. in a fine spirit of world disdain, deliberately creating a mask with holes left in the flesh paint for eyes, brows and lips, but doing it with such clear-cut sensitiveness to the geometrical form of features that the effect is super-realistic." Burroughs gives resemblances to portraits dated 1700 to 1720, and states that they must be accidental unless the portrait of Thacher can be dated later than his death, and closer to the 1700's.

"The Birth of The American Tradition In Art", Oscar Hagen, 1940, Plate 52.

"17th Century Painting in New England" Louisa Dresser & Alan Burroughs, 1934 Catalog of an Exhibition at Worcester Art Museum in Collaboration with the American Antiquarian Society, July & August, 1934. Pages 146-148.

"American Paintings" Metropolitan Museum Catalog: "Portrait of a Man" V.I, p.284

"American Art to 1900", Milton W. Brown, pgs. 91-94

"Thomas Thacher 1620-1678, The Boston Branch" by Elwood James Thacher, 1978
The letter by Hon. Peter Thacher of Newton, Vol. I, pages 236, 237.
The portrait of Rev. Thomas Thacher, Vol. I, pages 7 and 201.
Note that our excellant Cover Portrait with the dark background cut away, was sent to the Editor in May of 1984, by Cousin Elwood James Thacher, Winter Haven, Fla.

"History of the Old South Church", Hamilton Andrews Hill, 1890, Vol. I, page 123.

Much correspondence was carried on during this research, which was finally set aside in favor of new projects.

1983: Astonishing news arrived from Cynthia Stone, Director of Old South Meeting House Association. The portrait of Rev. Thomas Thacher had been examined by Mr. Jonathan Fairbanks, Curator of American Decorative Arts at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, an authority on colonial material culture. He stated that the portrait cannot be Rev. Thomas Thacher as it was painted too late for the sitter. "This portrait is too "alive" to have been painted posthumously." It resembles Anne Pollard painted in the 1720s. The portrait may be Rev. Peter Thacher (1651-1727) Thomas's son who graduated from Harvard 1671 and was minister of the church at Milton. "Further research could be undertaken using the Thacher provenance referred to in Peter Thacher's letter of 1877, which is now in the files of the Old South Meeting House."

"Portrait of a Man"

Your Comments on the Portrait Puzzle are Most Welcome! N.T.W.

W H O W A S D O R O T H Y T H A C H E R S E A R S ? ? ?

Was DOROTHY THACHER a member of the family of ANTHONY THACHER of Yarmouth, Mass.?

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ALLIED FAMILIES by John Osborn Austin, author of the Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island, etc., gives ANTHONY[2] THACHER (1588-1667) a sister, DOROTHY THACHER on his page 240, with no reference given. He states that she married 1632, Richard SEARS (1590-1676), had Paul 1638, Silas & Deborah 1639 and died 1680.

"TOWNS OF NEW ENGLAND AND OLD ENGLAND" Part I, Allen Forbes 1921, page 221 gives ANTHONY[2] THACHER a daughter, DOROTHY THACHER who married Richard SEARS:

"RICHARD SEARS, usually referred to as "The Pilgrim", was another important man in the history of the Cape and particularly Yarmouth and Chatham, where in the cemeteries of these towns monuments have been set up to the memory of him and his descendants. He married DOROTHY THACHER, the daughter of ANTHONY, and is said to have attended the Yarmouth church for twenty-three years. This Richard Sears, the founder of the American line, sought refuge in Leyden and in 1630 sailed for the New World, landing at Plymouth in May of the year 1630. In 1643 he removed to Yarmouth. The monument at Yarmouth bears the following inscription:

Sacred to the memory of RICHARD SEARS,
Son of John Bourchier Sears and Marie L. Van Egmont,
In lineal descent from Richard Sears of Colchester
And Ann Bourchier Knyvet, England.
He landed at Plymouth in 1630. Married DOROTHY THACHER,
And died in Yarmouth in 1676."

Note we have No Data on a DOROTHY THACHER as either a sister or a daughter of ANTHONY[2] THACHER (1588-1667). Could she have been a widowed sister-in-law, or a cousin who came over from England earlier?WRITE TO THE EDITOR!

On his page 219, Allen Forbes gives more information on some turn-of-the-century Thachers of Yarmouth, Massachusetts:

" ANTONY THACHER was among those to whom the first grant was made, who proceeded at once once to organize the town, erecting a fort at Fort Hill near the old cemetery. ANTHONY THACHER was the oldest settler of the town and the most helpful man in the colony, his descendants being among the leading citizens of Yarmouth and Boston. The farm now owned (1905), by a member of the family, Hon. Thomas C. Thacher, belonged to his ancestor, and in his memory in 1905 he and others of his family placed a stone on the supposed site of the old house; the inscription reads as follows:

Near this Site Lived and Was Buried ANTHONY THACHER
He came to America in 1635 from Somersetshire, England.
Shipwrecked on Thacher's Island, 1635. Settled in Yarmouth 1639.

"Three years later the Thacher family gave to the town a road called the Thacher Shore Road, built over what is supposed to be the location of the old Colonial road laid out by the early settlers of Yarmouth. Much of it runs through the Anthony Thacher farm. There is an inscription on a tablet placed at its eastern end, worded as follows:

THACHER SHORE ROAD
Given to the Town of Yarmouth in memory of
HENRY C. THACHER by his wife and children 1908"

Merry Christmas!

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Dear Thacher Cousins & Friends,

In our 10th Issue of The Thacher Quarterly, we have held off on data concerning the children of Rev. Thomas Thacher and his first wife, Elizabeth (Partridge) Kemp. First, we've given our attention to the ministry of Rev. Thomas Thacher at Weymouth, Massachusetts, where he was ordained, and to the families of his two wives.

Old South Church fills another 'center-spread' in this issue. Write to the Old South Association at 310 Washington Street, Boston, Mass. 02108 if you are interested in membership. Membership will enable you to keep in touch with the church of our ancestor, Rev. Thomas Thomas and its many activities through the association's newsletter. Write for a brochure with details.

I happened upon the very small book (about 8 pages), "Ancient Houses" only by chance while visiting the main Detroit Public Library's Burton Historical and Genealogical Collection. My main objective on this visit was the poetry of Col. John Thacher in Totten's "THACHER-THATCHER" genealogy found on our page 7. This issue abounds with poetry, spreading onto our page 8, as well.

After the seriousness of our first ten issues we'll pause for a celebration of "THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME" around the turn of the century! If you have items (stories, photos, etc.) to add, please do!! My own Thachers of this era were charming and possessed a quaint and rather dry sense of humor! This was sometimes expressed in yet MORE poetry!

We'll continue to chronicle the the THACHERS beginning with the sons of Rev. Thomas Thacher and answer questions concerning the Yarmouth Branch, ie "Who was Doroty (Thacher) Sears?", and Boston Branch portrait mysteries in future issues. Your QUERIES are welcome and free of any charge.

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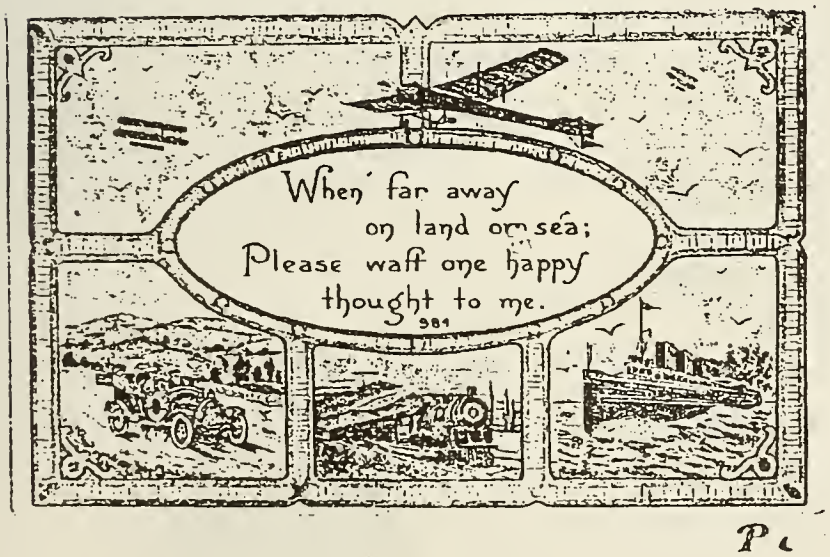
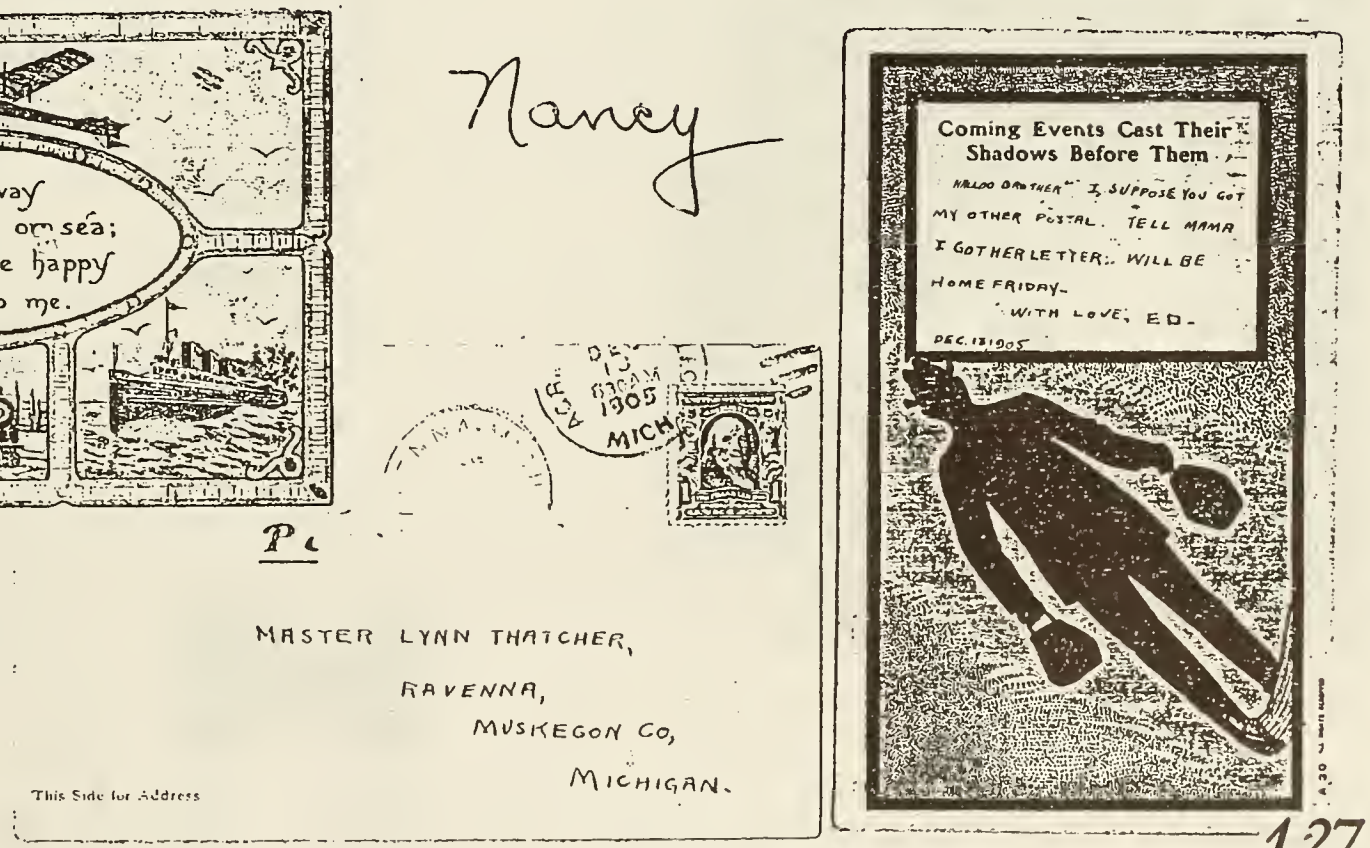
Until the Summer Issue,

Nancy





CURRENT EVENTS

SOMERSET, ENGLAND:

WESTERN DAILY PRESS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1991

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

BEM: Gordon Moore

The man who spearheaded a campaign to rebuild Queen Camel's cobbled paths and served as parish clerk for 45 years has been awarded the British Empire Medal.

Gordon Moore, aged 70, was named in the New Year's Honours List. He is believed to be the longest serving parish clerk in Somerset.

Mr Moore, of Bell View, who retired from the post in June, said: "It was a great surprise when I got the letter. It was marvellous news."

"During the time I was clerk I was instrumental in the formation of Queen Camel playing fields and I helped get the village's cobbled paths rebuilt," he said.

Gordon Moore
Avalon, 14 Hill View
Queen Camel, Yeovil
Somerset BA22 7PE
England

CHARLES WILMARTH THACHER
(1862-1947)

1.28 Barbara Crede's great grandfather will appear in the next issue No.11 "IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME"!

MY COUSIN BARBARA

VIRGINIA, ILLINOIS: Illinois Artist/THACHER Descendant honored at Virginia, Ill. Library Reception

The Gazette, Wednesday, November 13, 1991

The Virginia Memorial Public Library will sponsor a reception and showing for local artist Barbara Crede from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 16. The showing is open to the public and features, among other things, drawings of buildings in Virginia, including an ink drawing of the library. This is the first time the library has featured a local artist. The board of trustees hopes to continue to bring quality work to the public and feels the library is the ideal place to display the talents of Virginia.

Mrs. Crede's love of art, which started as a young child, continued as a student at Illinois State University and Iowa State University, where she majored in art. Now most of her work, which is done in pen and ink, charcoal, pastels and block printing, includes character studies and landscapes.

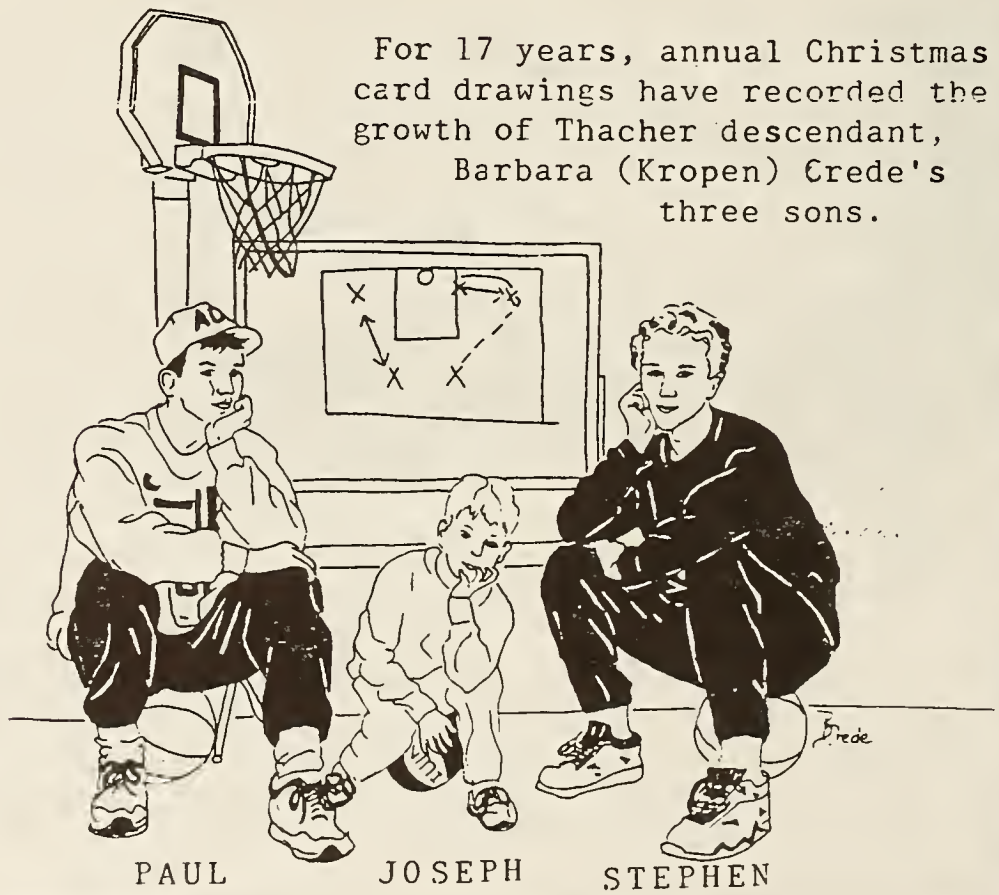
The works of Mrs. Crede have been honored by various awards and exhibits at the Blue Mound Fall Festival. She has been nominated for the Robert Crum Fellowship and has appeared on the national television program "Catch the Spirit." Her work has been displayed in showings at the Rock Springs Environmental Center in Decatur, John Wood College in Quincy and Walker Nursing Home to name a few.

Some of the artist's commissions have included an ink sketch of Virginia Memorial Public Library to be used as a cover for the gift cards, advertising for Central Illinois Conference - United Methodist Church and an ambitious project of numerous murals to decorate the halls of Maroa Grade School. This was a three week project involving over 150 hours of creativity and research of classic storybook characters. Here in Virginia the Classic Closet has a selection of Barbara's works for purchase.

Mrs. Crede moved to Virginia in 1990 along with her husband, Rev. John Crede and their three sons, Paul, Stephen and Joseph. She is active in many organizations including National League of American Pen Women; a board member of Fellowship of United Methodist in Worship, Music and Other Arts; the Gifted Council of Sangamon County; United Methodist Women; the Council on Ministries; Choir and Virginia Athletic Boosters. In her spare time Barbara enjoys knitting and quilting. She is also an accomplished flutist.

Everyone in the community is encouraged to come see the work of the multi-talented Barbara Crede on Saturday.

For 17 years, annual Christmas card drawings have recorded the growth of Thacher descendant, Barbara (Kropen) Crede's three sons.



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THACHER QUARTERLY

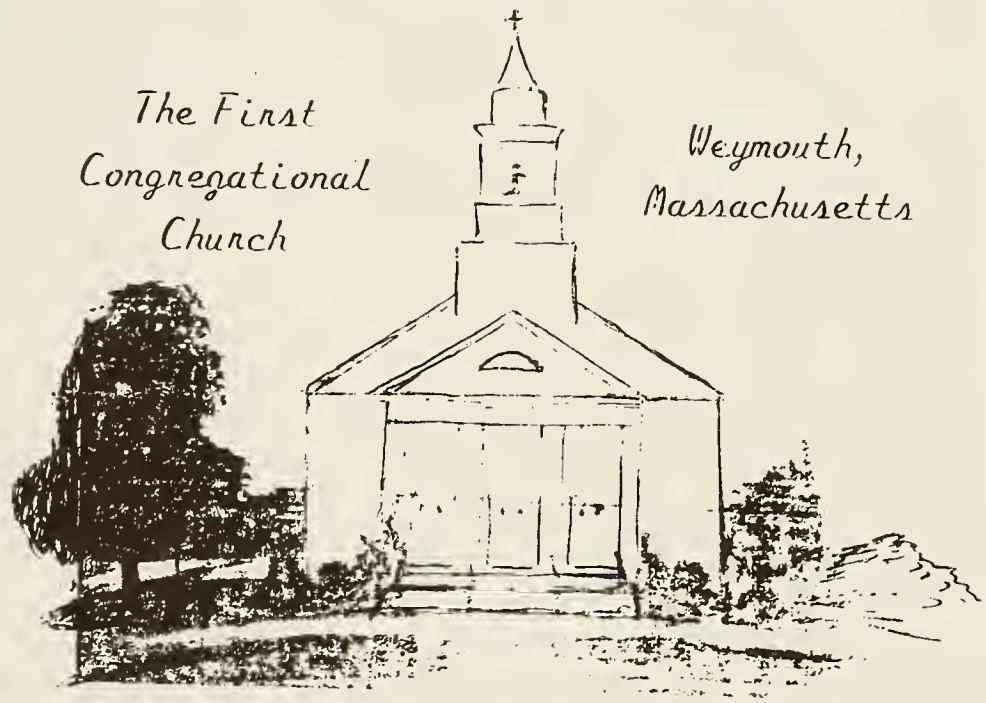
No. 10, SPRING 1992 REV. THOMAS THACHER of Weymouth & Boston, Mass. Page 1

From "THOMAS[3] THACHER 1620-1678
THE BOSTON BRANCH & PROGENITORS"
by Elwood James Thacher 1978, V.I p 208

THOMAS THACHER was invited to become the pastor of the First Church (Congregational) at Weymouth, Mass. He was the first minister to be ordained at Weymouth, his six predecessors having received their ordination in England.

During the early years of the town it was very much disturbed by internal dissentions in the church. The settlement of Rev. Thomas Thacher on Jan. 2, 1644, appeared to resolve the difficulty. He remained pastor of the church for 20 years. Under his administrations the people, by whom he was beloved and revered, enjoyed a long period of rest and prosperity, after the vexations of the previous years.

According to parrish records, it appears that the first meeting house in the town stood on Watch House Hill, about 150 rods north of the railroad depot in North Weymouth, now called "Burying Hill".



Built in 1833 on Church Street about 100 yards West of North Street. The Original Meeting-House was located on Burying Hill.

The minister's salary appears to nave become a leading expense of the town, and the amount and assessing, collecting and paying the same, were the occasion of much deliberation and action in town meetings.

He probably purchased and lived in the parsonage of 24 acres on the west side of what is now North Street, between the North Cemetery and Pearl Street, left by his predessessor, Mr. Newman. In accordance with a custom followed for many years, the town provided a parsonage and sold it to the minister, with the provison that it was to be sold back to the town if the pastor left or died without children. The town would then sell it to his successor.

It was the early custom for the minister to act as clerk, and sole custodian of all records and papers of the church. Accountable to no one, he could enter what he pleased or nothing at all. The disturbing state of affairs during the first twenty years of the settlement of Weymouth fully accounts for the absence of records during that time, until the settlement of Rev. Thomas Thacher in 1644. In addition records of the next three pastors are missing. Could they be found there would appear much of great value to the history of Weymouth.

Mr. Thacher was followed in the ministry of Weymouth by Rev. Samuel Torrey. He preached there as a colleague of Mr. Thacher from 1656 and was ordained Feb. 14, 1665. He was pastor until his death in 1707, a period of 42 years. After the death of Mr. Torrey a call was given to Mr. PETER[5] THACHER of Boston, a grandson of Rev. Thomas[3] Thacher, which was accepted and he was ordained Nov. 26, 1707. He was born 1678 & graduated at Harvard College 1696; He was a man of excellent abilities and soon became very popular. He later became pastor of the North Church, Boston, 1723, where he served until his death March 1, 1739.

The Story of "O U R C H U R C H E S" continues....

THE FIRST MARRIAGE
of REV. THOMAS[3] THACHER

Thomas Thacher married 1st Elizabeth (Partridge) Kemp, on May 11, 1643 at Duxbury, Mass. Eliza was the youngest daughter of Rev. Ralph Partridge, 1st minister of the First Church at Duxbury. To use his own expression, he was "hunted like a partridge on the mountain" and driven from his native soil in England to seek asylum in America, a land of religious freedom. He continued there til his death at an advanced age in 1658.

Rev. Partridge left his wife, Patience & two daughters, Mary married to John Marshall in England & Elizabeth, who married Rev. Thomas Thacher as her 2nd husband. Her 1st husband, Wm. Kemp died 1641. Dr. Cotton Mather says: "Elizabeth Thacher was a person of most amiable temper, pious & prudent & in every way worthy of the man to whom she was a glory."

To his daughter, Elizabeth, Rev. Partridge gave all his landed estate in New England, but for 10 acres to her daughter, Patience Kemp, & to her youngest son, Peter Thacher, land at Ussamaqueen, called the New Plantation.

To Elizabeth he also gave his home in England and his library of 400 volumes which she left to her husband, Thomas Thacher.

Rev. Thomas Thacher was settled as the 7th minister at Weymouth, 1644 where he and Elizabeth raised 4 children: Thomas (1644), Ralph (1648, Peter (born at Salem) baptised July 20, 1651, & Elizabeth, who married 1st the gallant captain, Nathaniel Davenport who was killed in the Narragansett fight on Dec. 19, 1675 & 2nd Samuel Davis.

Elizabeth (Partridge) Thacher was born at Salton, Kent, England c1620(?), and died at Weymouth, Massachusetts, June 2, 1664.

RALPH PARTRIDGE.*

1636—1658.

Ralph Partridge was born and educated in England, and was, for some time, a minister of the Established Church. In consequence of the troubles which his nonconformity brought upon him, he determined to seek a refuge in New England, and accordingly embarked for Boston, where he arrived on the 17th of November, 1636. He had a very boisterous passage, and the vessel became short of provisions.

Shortly after his arrival, he went to Duxbury, at the invitation of the church in that place, and was admitted a freeman there, on the 6th of March, 1637. The same year, he received a grant of forty acres of land, and shortly after purchased a house.

In 1648, he was appointed, with Richard Mather and John Cotton, to prepare a model of Church government for the consideration of the Synod at Cambridge. Cotton Mather says of him, that, "in the opinion of that Reverend Assembly, this person did not come far behind the first three, for some of his accomplishments."

He enjoyed, for the most part, vigorous health, and was little interrupted in his labours by bodily indisposition, during a ministry of about forty years. He died at an advanced age, in the year 1658. His wife survived him. His daughter *Elizabeth* married the Rev. Thomas Thacher who was first settled at Weymouth, and was afterwards installed first pastor of the Old South Church, Boston. To this daughter he gave all his landed property, both in Old and New England, and, after her decease, to her second son, *Ralph Thacher*, who was settled over the church at Martha's Vineyard in 1697. His daughter *Mary* married John Marshall in England.

Morton, who was his contemporary, writes thus concerning him:—

"His pious and blameless life became very advantageous to his doctrine; he was much honoured and loved by all that conversed with him. He was of a sound and solid judgment in the main truths of Jesus Christ, and very able in his disputation to defend them; he was very singular in this, that, notwithstanding the paucity and poverty of his flock, he continued in his work amongst them to the end of his life. He went to his grave in peace, as a shock of corn fully ripe, and was honourably buried at Duxbury."

Cotton Mather says:—

"This Partridge had not only the innocency of the Dove, conspicuous in his blameless and pious life, which made him very acceptable in his conversation; but also the loftiness of an Eagle, in the great soar of his intellectual abilities. There are some interpreters who, understanding *church officers* by the *living creatures*, in the fourth chapter of the Apocalypse, will have the teacher to be intended by the Eagle there, for his quick insight into remote and hidden things. The church in Duxbury had such an *Eagle* in their *Partridge*, when they enjoyed such a teacher.

"There was one singular instance of a weaned spirit, whereby he signalized himself unto the Churches of God. That was this: there was a time when most of the ministers in the Colony of Plymouth left the Colony, upon the discouragement which the want of a competent maintenance among the needy and froward inhabitants gave unto them. Nevertheless Mr. Partridge was, notwithstanding the paucity and the poverty of his congregation, so afraid of being any thing that looked like a bird wandering from his nest, that he remained with his poor people, till he took wing to become a bird of Paradise, along with the winged seraphim of Heaven."

* Brook's Lives, III.—Winsor's History of Duxbury.—Felt's Eccl. Hist. N. E., I.

from "ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN PULPIT" V.I, P. 90

THE SECOND MARRIAGE of REV. THOMAS[3] THACHER

Thomas Thacher married a second time, about 1665, to Margaret (Webb) Sheaffe, widow of Jacob Sheaffe of Boston. She was the only child of Henry Webb, a wealthy merchant in Boston. She was born in Salisbury, Wiltshire County, England and was baptised there 25 Sept. 1625. She married Jacob Sheaffe (1616-1659) who came to America c1637. They had six children: Elizabeth, Sarah, Ebenezer, child, Mehitable & Jacob.

Henry Webb came from Salisbury, Eng. where he was a member of St. Edmund's Church, with his 3rd wife, Dosabell & daughter, Margaret, about 1637. She was probably a child of his 1st wife according to St. Edmund's records. Henry was owner of a Wharf at Boston.

From THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL REGISTER, 1886, P. 259, Vol. 40
"Early Matters Relating to Dorchester"(Pages 253 to 261)
by William Blak Trask, Esq. of Dorchester, Massachusetts

The Dorchester Church Record

May 22, 1721 Elder Preston gave an account of a New Piece of Plate given to ye Church by Mr. Ebenezer Withington..

May 18, 1724 A meeting of the First Church in Dorchester, New England, lawfully warned by ye Deacon and convened in the Publick Meeting House. "It is called the First Church to distinguish it from ye North Church at Punkapog."

Art. 7: "That of ye Churches revenues the deacons adde so much to ye 40 shillings bequeathed by an aged brother...as may produce a middling new silver cup for ye Lord's Table. Voted in ye affirmative.

"Also Mrs. Thacher of Boston gave to ye Church in form of a Silver Cup with two ears."

"Also ye Widdow Clements of Boston gave another Silver Cup to ye Church 17 Nov. 1678."

First Parish Church
Meeting House Hill, Dorchester 1847

It is a singular coincidence that the First Church in Dorchester voted Dec. 17, 1777 to give the Second Church in that town two silver cups as a token of good fellowship.

The gift to the First Church of "M.T.", was doubtless Mrs. Margaret Thacher, wife of Rev. Thomas Thacher, first minister of the Old South Church in Boston, who died Oct. 1, 1678. She was the only child of Henry Webb;she married 1642, Boston, Jacob Sheaffe, who seems, says Savage, "to have had the largest estate of anyone that had hitherto died at Boston." Widow Margaret Sheaffe became subsequently the 2nd wife of Rev. Thomas Thacher.

The name of Margaret Thacher, with those of 25 other females, members of the First Church in Boston, desirous of joining the Third or Old South Church, may be found appended to an earnest appeal in behalf of their religious rights, dated Aug. 27, 1674. The council decided in favor of the petitioners. "An Historic Catalogue of the Old South Church, Boston"

ONE CHURCH...
THREE BUILDINGS:
1669 - 1729 - 1874

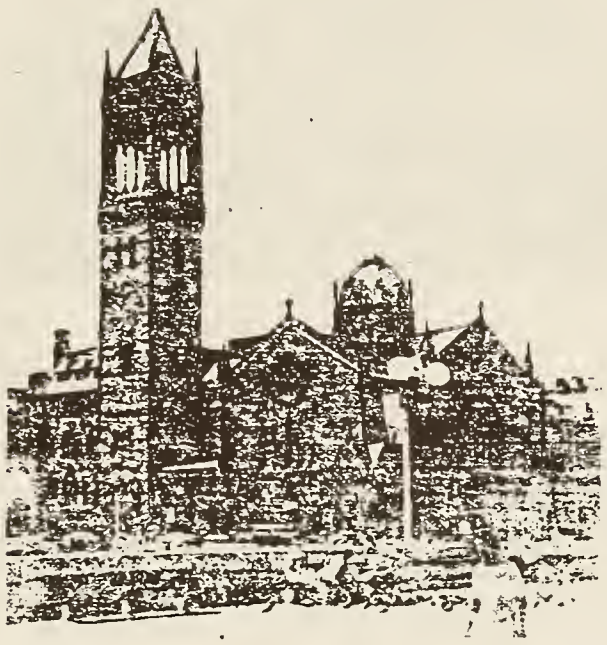
FIGURE 18. Boston, Mass. Third Church, Meeting House I, 1669. William Burgis, "View of Boston," Number 10, 1722. *Courtesy Phelps Stokes Collection, The New York Public Library.*

"View of Boston", Wm. Burgis

THE OLD CEDAR MEETING HOUSE

The first meeting house
of the Third Church, Boston

Built 1669



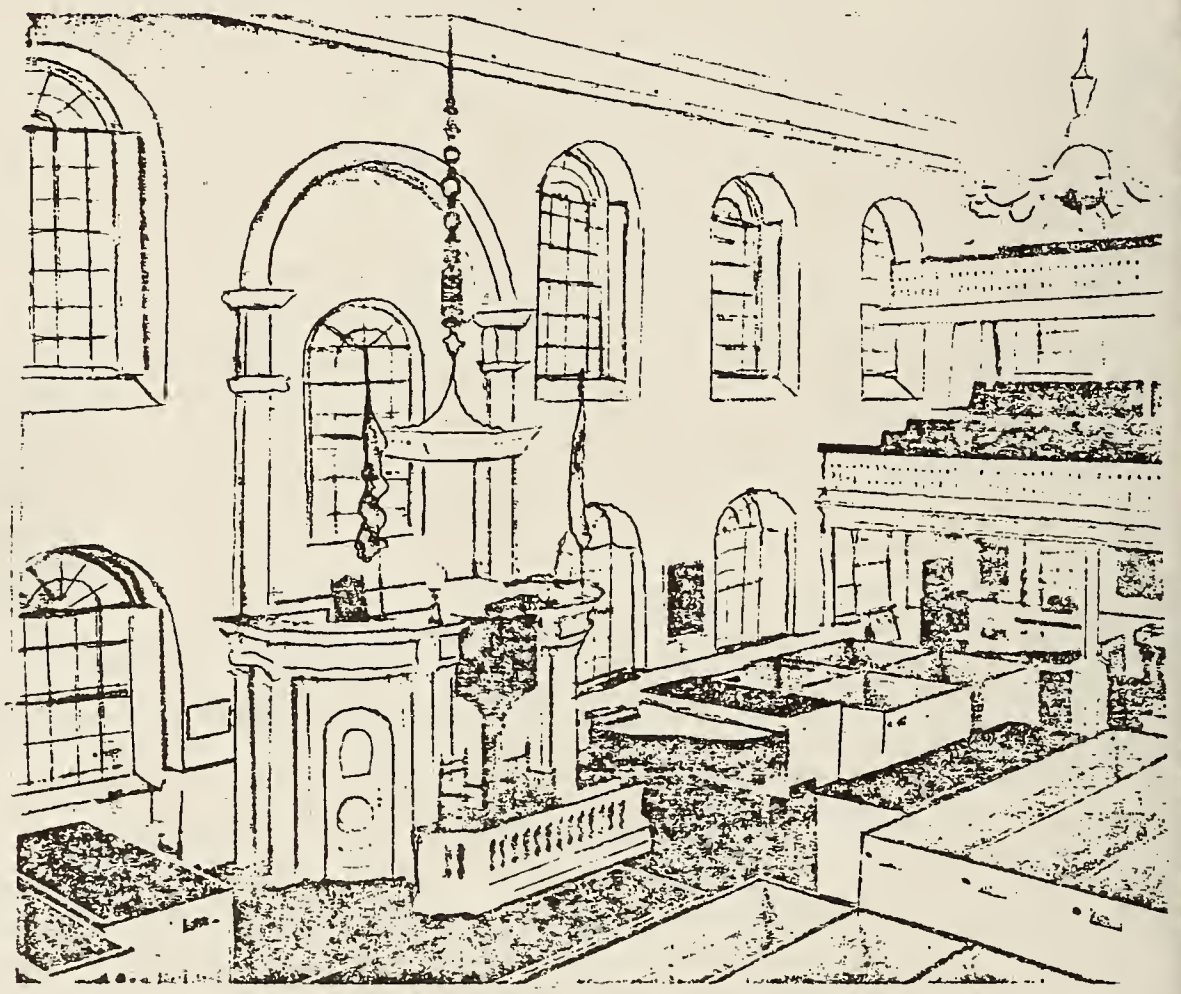
THE NEW OLD SOUTH CHURCH
Built in 1874
Southwest corner,
Boylston & Dartmouth Streets
Boston, Massachusetts (1971)

Old South Meeting House
Washington and Milk Street
Boston, Massachusetts

The Second Meeting House, built 1729

Old South Meeing House was built in 1729. Here were held the town meetings that ushered in the Revolution. Here Samuel Adams, James Otis, and Joseph Warren exhorted. Here the men of Boston proved themselves independant courageous freemen worthy to raise issues which were to concern the liberty and happiness of millions yet unborn.

The garden of John Winthrop first Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony was on this land. The Third Congregational Church built the old Cedar meeting house here in 1669. From 1730 to 1872 the Third church worshiped in this Brick meeting house. Since 1876 it has been held by the Old South Association as an Historical Monument and Museum.



From this pulpit, strikingly placed on the long side of the meeting house, some of the finest oratory, both religious and patriotic, has been delivered since the day in 1730, when Joseph Sewall and Thomas Prince preached the first sermons at the opening of the building.

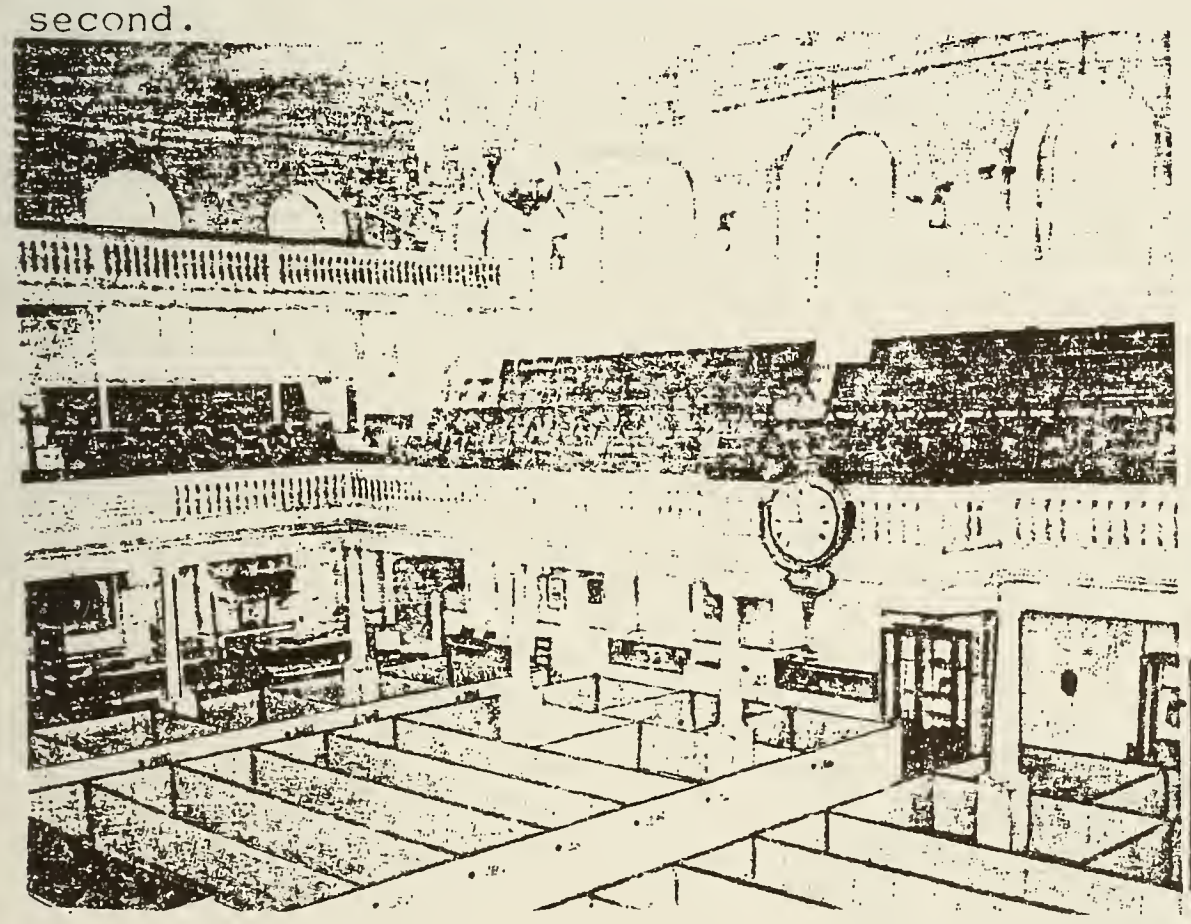
Old South Association in Boston

The Old South Meeting House

CORNER WASHINGTON AND MILK STREETS

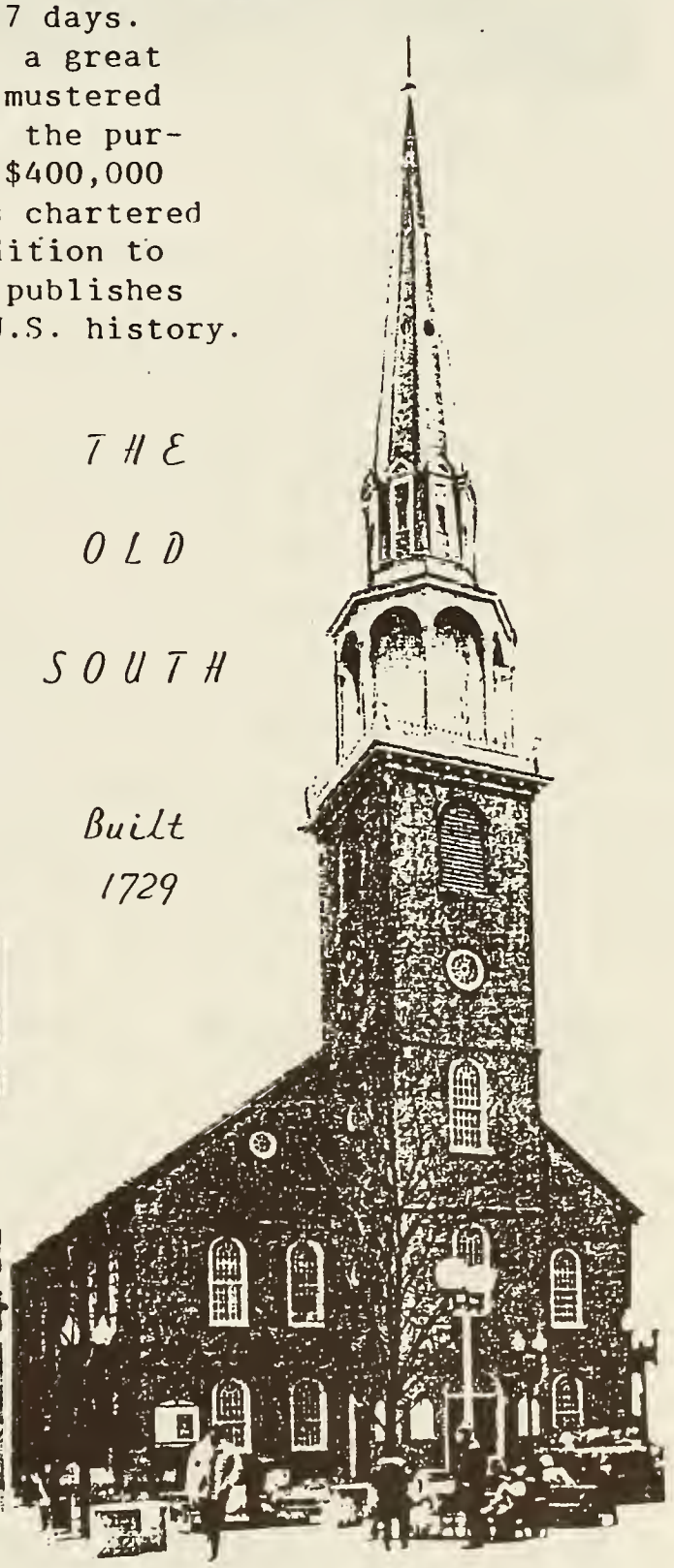
The present meeting-house at Washington & Milk Streets was leased to the U. S. Government to accomodate the Boston Post Office whose building had been destroyed by fire. When the gov't. vacated the meeting-house, it was sold at auction on June 8, 1876 Work of demolition had begun when G. W. Simmons bought the right to hold the meeting-house uninjured for 7 days. Energetic efforts to save the building were organized and a great public meeting called on June 14th. Popular support was mustered and funds raised. A preservation committee made possible the purchase of the meeting-house for the Old South Society for $400,000 in October 1876. The Old South Association in Boston was chartered to hold & preserve the property. The Association, in addition to maintaining this ancient building, provides lectures and publishes a series of "Old South Leaflets" of original texts from U.S. history.

The closed-in pews with high sides gave protection from icy drafts in Winter. Charcoal foot stoves were supplied for each pew owner. Children and servants occupied the first gallery, slaves and bonded servants the second.



During the siege of Boston in 1775-76, British calvary used the original pews for firewood; and covering the floor with gravel, turned the building into a riding school. George Washington later expressed surprise that the British, who venerated their own churches, should have desecrated ours.

THE OLD SOUTH Built 1729



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310 Washington Street
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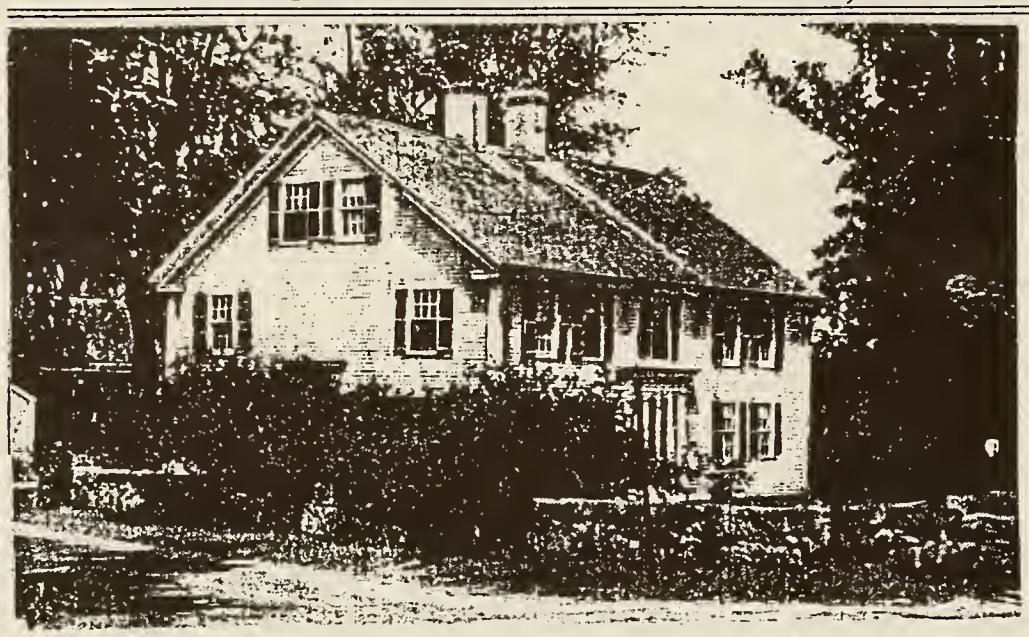
Interior Photos from E. J. Thacher's "Boston Branch" V.I, p. 250, 251



THE COL. JOHN THACHER "1680" HOUSE
King's Highway & Thacher Lane, Yarmouth

"ANCIENT HOUSES"
by Thomas Prince Howes, Yarmouth 1915

A paper read before the Cape Cod Historical Society, Feb. 22, 1888 by Capt.Thomas Prince Howes. Library of Cape Cod Historical & Genealogical Society, No.96 of a series, second printing.

"That the men of the 2nd & 3rd generation from the First Comers to the Cape could have the means to erect such substantial buildings as we still see here standing, is strong evidence that they laboured industriously, lived frugally, and planned wisely proving themselves worthy descendants of Those who boundless seas passed o'er and boldly met in every path, famine and pest and savage wrath; to dedicate a shore where liberty's glad race might proudly come and set up there an everlasting home."

"The Col. John Thacher house was lived in by six or seven generations of the name. It was built by John Thacher, son of the grantor, Anthony, and handed down from sire to son.

When erected in 1680 Plymouth was not united to Massachusetts, Charles II was king; Penn had not yet crossed the Atlantic; the Mississippi had not been explored and the English language was unspoken west of Lake Ontario.

The distinguished man who built that house and those who succeeded him in its occupancy have deserved well of their countrymen. Col. John Thacher was prominent in the 2nd generation of Cape Cod men. Judge Peter Thacher and his grandson, Judge George Thacher, and his brother, Col. Thomas, a worthy and trusted citizen of Yarmouth - were all honorable men.

I confess to an affectionate interest in that old dwelling and one is that Mr. Anthony Thacher and my ancestor were warm personal friends, coming on to the Cape together as grantors of the settlement. The will of Thomas Howes mentioned Mr. Anthony Thacher, and calls him "My beloved friend". Mr. Thacher and his wife, Mistress Elizabeth Thacher were witnesses to a codicil to the will.

Another reason for my interest is it was the first house I had the privilege of entering at Yarmouth. It seems a long time ago when riding over from Dennis on horseback behind my father, we dismounted and entered one of the two front doors with which the house was then furnished. That was more than 60 years since. The occasion must have been the keeping of a family relationship growing out of a marriage of one of the daughters of Peter Thacher,Jr. to my grandfather, Jeremiah Howes.

Temperance Thacher married Capt. John Hedges of Yarmouth who was one of the victims of the prison ship in New York Harbor. She was a sister of Judge George Thacher and Col. Thomas Thacher, whose daughter occupied the house at the time I have mentioned. For her 2nd husband she accepted Lt. Jeremy Howes and went to Dennis to live, where she died in 1808. A marble slab in the burying ground commemorated her memory and also that of her first husband and only son, Capt. Daniel Hedges who was lost at sea with all of his crew the winter of 1804.

The oldest daughter, Mary, upon her father's death went to live with her uncle, Judge Thacher at Biddeford, Maine, where she married a young lawyer, Silas Lee. Mr. & Mrs. Lee made occasional visits to Yarmouth & Dennis, driving down in a carriage and pair with a colored driver on the box. Such visits 80 years ago created quite a stir and no little gossip! It was no trifling matter to journey from Wiscasset to Dennis in the year 1808!"

(Mr. Howes continued, describing several other houses, among them the old house at "Lothrop's Hill", Dennis, & another built 1700 by Prince Howes, grandson of Gov. Thomas Prince.)

Photo from an old postcard.

THE POETRY OF COL. JOHN THACHER from Totten's "THACHER-THATCHER"

Aug. 30, 1683 - Poetry written after the death of Col. John Thacher's first wife, Rebecca (Winslow) Thacher 1643-1683. 322 lines of this poetry can be found in a manuscript of Thacher genealogy compiled by Hon. Geroge Thacher of Biddeford, Maine, 1754 to 1824. A copy is kept by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

"Here you may find a few broken lines which I leave to your consideration, my children; in which you have some brief and short hints of things and passages which your poor father more largely descanted upon in the time of his melancholy mourning hours for his exceeding great loss of his most dear and tender mother who went from this sinful, weary world to those mansions of joy and rest, prepared by her Lord and Jesus Christ for her on the 15th day of July about 11 or 12 o'clock in the night in the year 1683, she being as I count within one day of 41 years of age. Providence 18: "My son, hear the instruction of thy father and forsake not the law of thy mother". These lines which are left by me may speak when I no more shall be - And also you in mind may put - of that which else may be forgot. Your greatly affectionate father, J.T."

"When I was young and a mate did need
To God I went me to succeed
Who graciously did me guide
So that a virtuous maid I spied
Rebecca Winslow was her name
Brought up in a family for Godliness and piety -
To which place I went speedily
Where I obtained help meet for me
Such jewells now how rare they be
She young and fair, a comely one
She is now gone. I'm left to mourn
my case most sad and desolate
Because I have lost my tender mate.
This mate who always made me glad
Yea, and to add another to the score
8 months & 9 days she lived more
These 2 sums do not complete the time
In which Rebecca, she was mine."

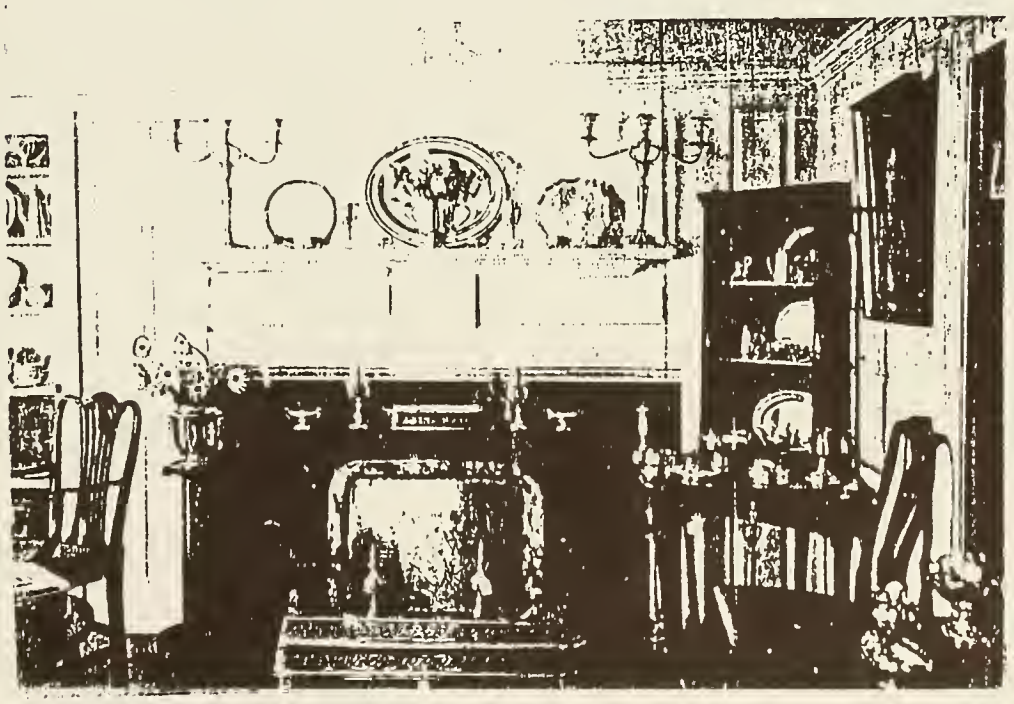
"For in the month of September last
One 7th day as I it cast,
My little babe away was took
When it most pleasingly did look
Of which bereaving stroke I speak
The heart of my dear wife did break."

"O dismal was the night, I say
That followed July's 15th day
Her dying groans they pierced my heart
I feel within my breast the smart
Of this sharp cutting chastisement
Which Thou, my Father dear, hast sent."

"The time was come, death must prevail - To cut down that most pleasant vine - which did flourish in this house of mine.

AN ACROSTIC:

Righteous ones they hate away
Earth no longer this saint must stay
Blest she was while she lived here
Each one laments thee now, my dear.
Christ was her all, God was her fear
And to his gospel she gave ear;
Her delight was saints in communion.
'Twas great while she was her journey on
Home now, she's gone to rest no more
And she's safe arrived at the other shores
Choice pleasures now she doth enjoy
Heaven is the place where she rests for aye,
Ever to be with Christ, her friend
Rejoicing world without end.



The COLONEL JOHN THACHER HOUSE in Yarmouthport, has several interiors which preserve the atmosphere of a prosperous Cape Cod home of the 18th century.

Photo from "Open House in New England" Chamberlain, p. 98

NAMES

From Somerset and Devon,
  From York and Worcestershire,
The younger sons came sailing
  With hearts of steel and fire.

From leafy lane and valley,
  Fair glebe and ancient wood,
The counties of old England
  Poured forth their warmest blood.

Out of the grey-walled cities,
  Away from the castled towns,
Corners of thatch and roses,
  Heathery combes and downs,

With neither crown nor penny,
  But an iron will they came;
Heirs of an old tradition
  And a good old English name.

A stark great silence met them
  On a nameless, savage shore;
But they called the wild,—"New England,"
  For the sake of the blood they bore.

"Plymouth, Exeter, Bristol,
  Boston, Windsor, Wells."
Beloved names of England
  Rang in their hearts like bells.

They named their rocky farmlands,
  Their hamlets by the sea,
For the mother-towns that bred them,
  In racial loyalty.

"Cambridge, Hartford, Gloucester,
  Hampton, Norwich, Stowe."
The younger sons looked backward
  And sealed their sonship so.

The old blood thrills in answer,
  As centuries go by,
To names that meant a challenge,
  A signal, or a sigh.

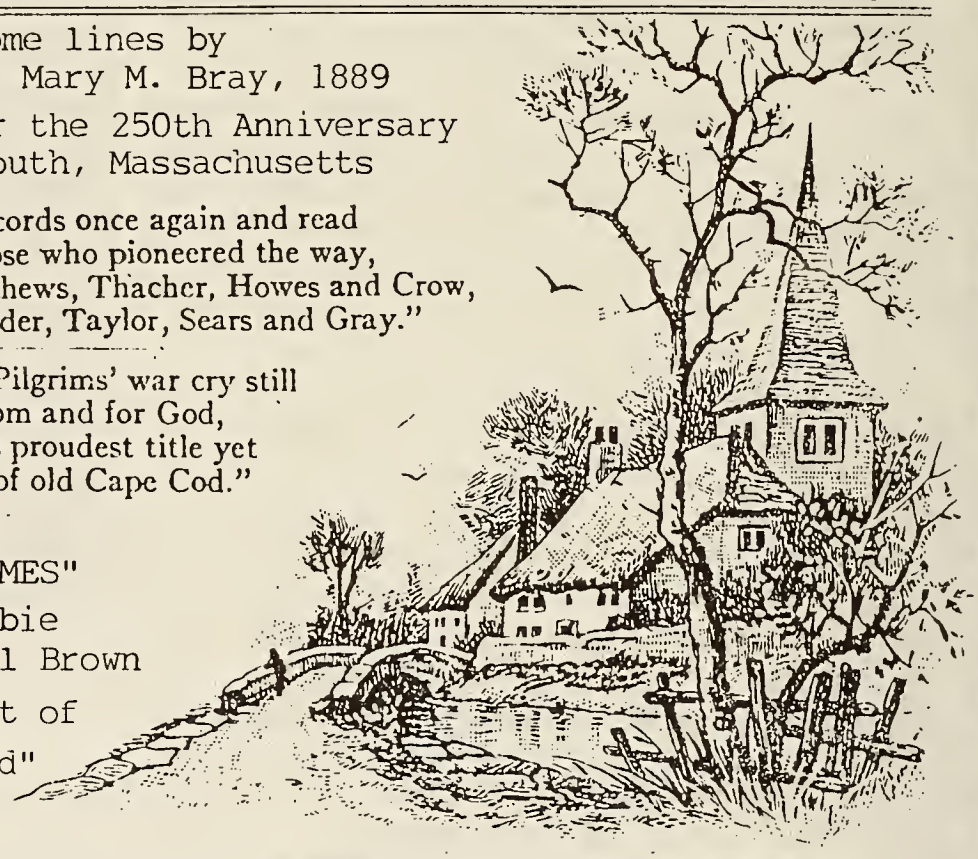
Now over friendly oceans
  The old towns, each to each,
Call with the kinship in a name;
  One race, one truth, one speech.

Below: Some lines by
Mrs. Mary M. Bray, 1889
Written for the 250th Anniversary
of Yarmouth, Massachusetts

"We search the records once again and read
The names of those who pioneered the way,
Hallett and Matthews, Thacher, Howes and Crow,
Simpkins and Ryder, Taylor, Sears and Gray."

"We lift the Pilgrims' war cry still
For freedom and for God,
And wear as proudest title yet
The sons of old Cape Cod."

Left: "NAMES"
by Miss Abbie
Farwell Brown
from "Heart of
New England"



WHICH "PETER THACHER"??

Editor's Research in the New England Historical & Genealogical Register: Did PETER[9] THACHER, JR. of Cleveland, Ohio give the portrait of Rev. Thomas Thacher to the HON. PETER[8] THACHER of Newton, Mass.??

1. PETER[9] THACHER, JR. (1851-1891) of Cleveland, Ohio, eldest son of #2, died at Lake Mary, Orange Co., Florida, the place noted on the letter which accompanied the portrait of Rev. Thomas Thacher when it was delivered to Old South Church, Boston. See T.Q. 9, p. 6.

2. PETER[8] THACHER (1812-1880), prominent bridge builder of Cleveland, Ohio, early NEHGS member & desc't. of Rev. Peter Thacher (1651-1727) "of Milton, Mass.". His residence was "a veritable museum of antiquities of the Thacher family", including the portrait of Rev. Thomas Thacher; see NEHGR Vol. 37, pg. 13.

3. HON. PETER[8] THACHER "W. Newton, Mass." (1810-1894), desc't. of Rev. Ralph Thacher (son of Rev. Thomas), early NEHGS member who used "85 Milk Street, Boston" as his address on genealogical material published, displayed the portrait of Rev. Thomas Thacher in his home at W. Newton and later presented it to the Old South Church, Boston; see T.Q. 9, pg. 7 & E.J.Thacher's "Boston Branch" V. 2, p.149.

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July 4th, 1992

Dear Cousins & Friends,

Over the July 4th weekend, we drove through a storm, met a 3rd cousin, once removed, found a great grandfather's grave & a photo of his stone, between visiting & fireworks, worked on this 11th issue of the "T.Q., and spent a "night out" at the American Legion Hall, Post No. 365, in Edwardsburg, Michigan (near Elkhart, Ind.).

To make things a little More Fun...after so much of the old genealogical data...we depart New England in this issue for a quick but Good Old Summer Time visit with my own Thachers of Cambridge and Rock Island, Illinois, featuring my great grandfather, Charles Wilmarth Thacher born 1862 and died 1947. I must confess to having one foot firmly planted in the farmlands of the midwest!

Gordon Moore of Queen Camel, Somerset, England wrote expressing interest in our Query concerning the wife of Richard Sears of Yarmouth, who was called "Dorothy Thacher" on his tombstone. We've presented an answer on page 9 found during early summer research. But there appear to be no links with the other Somerset Thachers "of Beckington" nor with the Thatchers of Ringmer, Sussex.

July 14th marks the day of birth of our Cousin Howard Thacher (See Chart No. 2), who always celebrated it as Bastille Day, as well. Howard was our Subscription Manager from Issue I until his death almost two years ago on November 19, 1990. He would be happy to know that Thacher descendants are observing some sort of yearly acknowledgement of the poor souls who were lost on August 14th in the storm off Thacher Island on Cape Ann 1635. The observance might be personal thoughts during a quiet moment or a family group activity.

We are glad that Anthony Thacher survived the ship wreck, and that Thomas Thacher was not on that craft, insuring his survival also. For another life and death twist of fate, see our page 4, where we find reason to be thankful for the survival of Rev. Peter[4]Thacher (1651-1727), son of Thomas.[3]

Cousin Jerry Corwin thinks our address labels may be complicated! He asked me to give a clear explanation, so here goes! Your address label gives your expiration date above your name: XPR=Expires - 93=1993 - SP=Spring Issue is your last issue of the year. (SU=Summer AU=Autumn WI=Winter)
We hope this is a handy way of keeping you up to date on your subscriptions.

Special thanks to Merle and Barbara (Sinclair) Glick of Pekin, Ill. for the wonderful photos of our family. "Charles & Lizzie"photos are from my grandmother, Katherine Rosine (Thacher)Liitt's scrapbook.
Thanks also go to Elizabeth Thacher (Mrs. Jack L.) for the Stage Poster of "George Thatcher" and the Civil War photo of Enoch Rix Thacher. (Your letters are so interesting!)

I'm looking forward to our Autumn Issue, when we go to Harvard! Hope you enjoy THIS one!

Your cousin, Nancy

IN SEARCH OF THE PORTRAIT OF REV. THOMAS THACHER

Merle & Barbara Glick of Pekin, Illinois, attended services at Old South Church, Boston on May 3rd, 1992.

Old South Church
645 Boylston Street
Copley Square
Boston, MA 02116-2882
(617) 536-1970

Old South Church
Copley Square, Boston
A Congregation of the
United Church of Christ
Gathered 1669

The present
OLD SOUTH CHURCH
is the third building to house the congregation of the Third Congregational Church, gathered 1669.

Thacher descendant, Barbara (Sinclair) Glick & husband, Merle, attended services there on May 3rd, 1992. "Beautiful stained glass windows, 138 rank organ, professional choir and a wonderful worship service."

"The minister knew all about Thomas Thacher, whose portrait, in miniature, was displayed in the parlour of the church. But, he said we would find THE portrait of Thomas at the OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE."

So, off went Merle & Barbara to the Washington & Milk Streets meeting house. The historic site was open to the public at $4 per person. Unfortunately they could not view the portrait of Rev. Thomas Thacher as it was locked in a basement room, and no one could be found on a Sunday to unlock it!

Advice from Barbara & Merle is: Call ahead! "But, Old South Church is worth a stop, too!"

Plan ahead by writing to Cynthia Stone, the Director of the Old South Association, caretaker of the Old South Meeting House, 310 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108 or call her at: (617) 482-6439.

See Old South Meeting House on pages 4 & 5 of The Thacher Quarterly, Issue No. 10.

The Portrait of Rev. Thomas Thacher was featured in Issue No. 9.

A Note of interest: There was once also a New South Church built 1814 & demolished 1868, located on Bedford & Summer Streets. It was not rebuilt. The body of this church was octagon shaped granite with doric columns & a 190 foot spire. (See 'I' on Map, p. 1.) An engraving appears in James Henry Stark's "Antique Views of Boston" 1882, reprinted 1967, page 206, from the American Magazine, July 1835.

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THACHER QUARTERLY

No. 11, SUMMER 1992 THE THACHER FAMILY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS Page 1

THE REV. THOMAS[3] THACHER (1620-1678) removed from Weymouth, Mass. where he had been pastor for 20 years, to Boston, about 1666/7, after the death of his first wife, and remarriage to Margaret (Webb) Sheaffe. In 1667 he became a member of the First Church (or, 'The Old Church'), Boston. The Third Church ("Old South') was organized in 1669 and Rev. Thacher was installed as first pastor, Feb. 16, 1670.

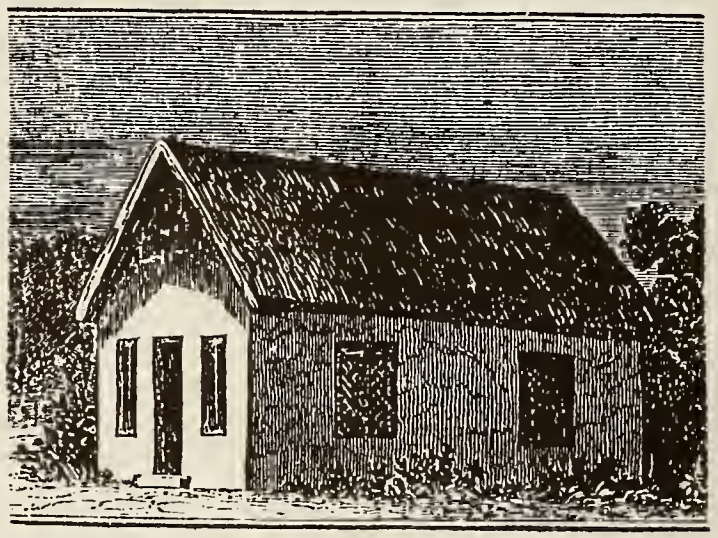
THE REV. THOMAS[3] THACHER (1620-1778) was left with four children after the death of his 1st wife, Elizabeth (Partridge) Kemp in 1664.

The ages of these children in 1665 were:
Thomas 21; Ralph 17; Peter 14; Elizabeth 8.

Rev. Thomas Thacher married 2nd, about 1665, the widow, Margaret (Webb) Sheaffe, whose 5 children's ages in 1665 were:
Elizabeth 21; Sarah 13; Ebenezer 11; Mehitable 7; and Jacob 6.

The now large Thacher family attended the First Church in Boston, pictured at right and 'A' on our Page 1 Map.

In 1669/1670, they joined with the Third Church (Old South Meeting) with Rev. Thomas[3] first pastor 'C' on our Page 1 Map.



The First Church. built 1632-
2nd building built 1640, burned 1711.
3rd structure "Old Brick" built 1713.

NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL REGISTER, Apr. 1886, vol. 40, p. 21

Thomas Thacher, Jr., merchant, oldest son of Rev. Thomas Thacher of Old South married Mary, daughter of Major Thomas Savage. Are there any descendants of any child or children of this marriage surviving?

Peter Thacher, the minister of New North Church, died without children. So, alas, so far as is known, did Thomas, a mariner, tho twice married. John married Mary Mould, Aug. 4, 1709. The Boston records show no children, nor the death of either husband or wife. If they removed from Boston, whither? The daughter, Elizabeth died at the age of seven, as appears from the journal of her uncle, Rev. Peter of Milton. The only birth of two children of this marriage is recorded, George and Samuel, but no further notice of this family is found in Boston records.

Information on the subject of this inquiry would be gratefully received.
85 Milk Street, Boston P. Thacher

THOMAS[4] THACHER (1644-1686), Eldest Son of Rev. Thomas[3] Thacher

He was born 1644 at Weymouth, Mass. He was a Boston merchant. He married c1670, Mary Savage (1647-1730), and had five children, born probably at Boston, Mass. He died April 2, 1686, Boston, Mass. His children were:

ELIZABETH, born Dec. 26, 1671; died Jan. 3, 1678, Boston, Mass., age 7.

THOMAS[5], born Sept. 25, 1673, was a mariner who married 1st Margaret Haywood (1681-1719), and 2nd, Katherine Tuck Everton (1677-1726): no children. He died Dec. 16, 1723 and was buried in the Copps Hill Cemetery, Boston, Mass.

JOHN[5] born Jan 22, 1674/5, married Mary Mould who died 1717 with no children. He died after 1730.

PETER[5], born Aug. 26, 1677, Boston, graduated from Harvard College 1696 and was ordained at Weymouth on Nov. 26, 1707 and Boston on Jan. 28, 1720, New North Church. He married Hannah Curwin (1671-1749) of Salem. He died Feb. 26, 1739 with no children. (See Weymouth, Spring Issue 10, page 1; see New North Church 'H' on our Map this issue)

MARY, born Jan 28, 1680, Boston, married George Kilcup, had two children and died after 1730; will proved April 19, 1731. Children: George 1713; Samuel 1716.

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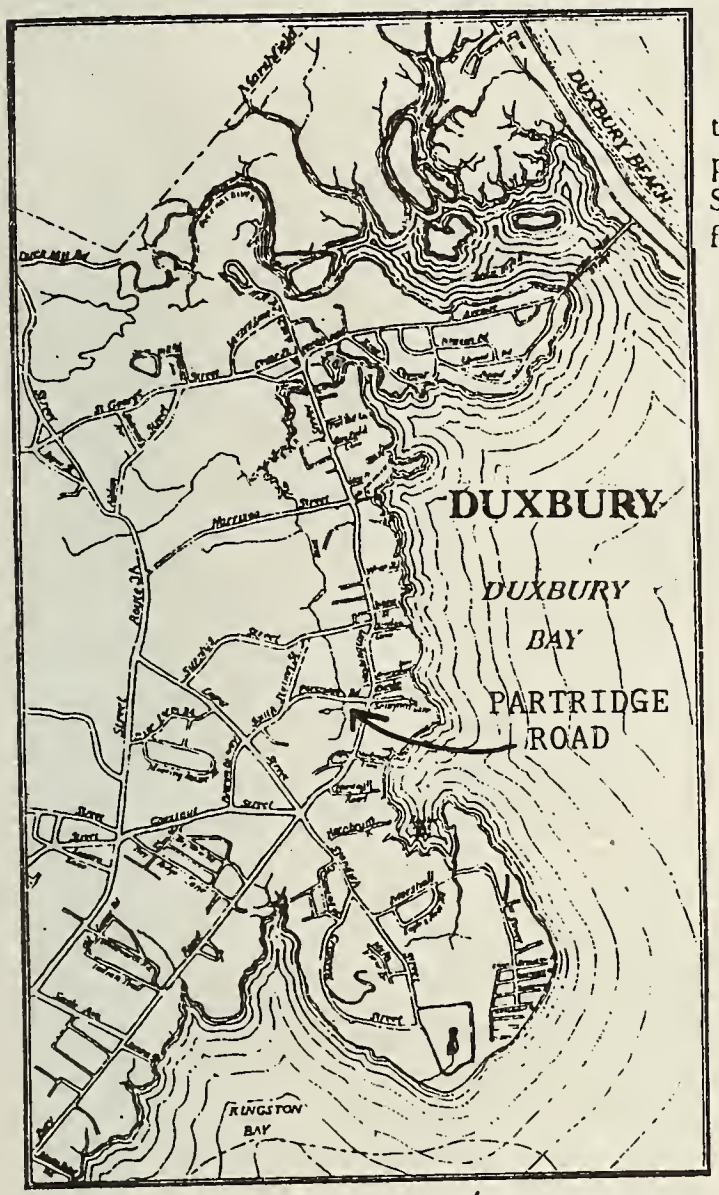


Map from THE MAYFLOWER QUARTERLY, Vol. 58, No.1
"Duxbury: A Pilgrim Suburb" by Robert C. Thompson

The accompanying map shows the location of properties acquired by some of the Pilgrim fathers who arrived on the Mayflower. Interspersed among these properties were lots owned by later arrivals, such as Wadsworth, Chandler, Collier, Southworth, Prence, Pabodie, Delano, Partridge, and Peterson – just to name a few.

REV. RODOLPHUS[4] THACHER (1648-1733)

He was born at Weymouth, Norfolk Co, Mass. in 1648. He married RUTH PARTRIDGE at Duxbury on Jan 1,1669. She was a daughter of George who may have been a relative of Rev. Ralph Partridge of Duxbury, as they both came from Kent, England. George Partridge came c1636 and married Sarah Tracy.

Ralph[4] Thacher resided at Duxbury for about 24 years. It was here that his 3 sons & 6 daughters were born. He was Town Clerk from 1684 to 1694 and signed this record: Rodolphus Thacher. He was also Constable 1673 and 1678 at Duxbury.

His children born at Duxbury:

THOMAS (1670-1697) m. Mary Dean & had: Rodolphus, Ruth, Partridge, Mary & Anna.

ELIZABETH b. 1672; m. Samuel Fuller (7 children)

ANNA (1673-1680)

RUTH (1675-1709) unmarried

RODOLPHUS or Ralph (1677-1757) m. Patience Skiff
ch: Thomas, Benj., Ruth, Joanna, Hepzibah, Elizabeth & Sarah.

LYDIA (1679-1756) m. John Dean (6 children)

MARY b. 1682, m. Benjamin Dimmick (7 children)

ANNA b. 1684 unmarried

The story of Rev. Ralph[4] Thacher continues as 1st minister ordained at Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard 1696-1714. Resided with son, Thomas at Lebanon CT; died Groton, CT 1733.

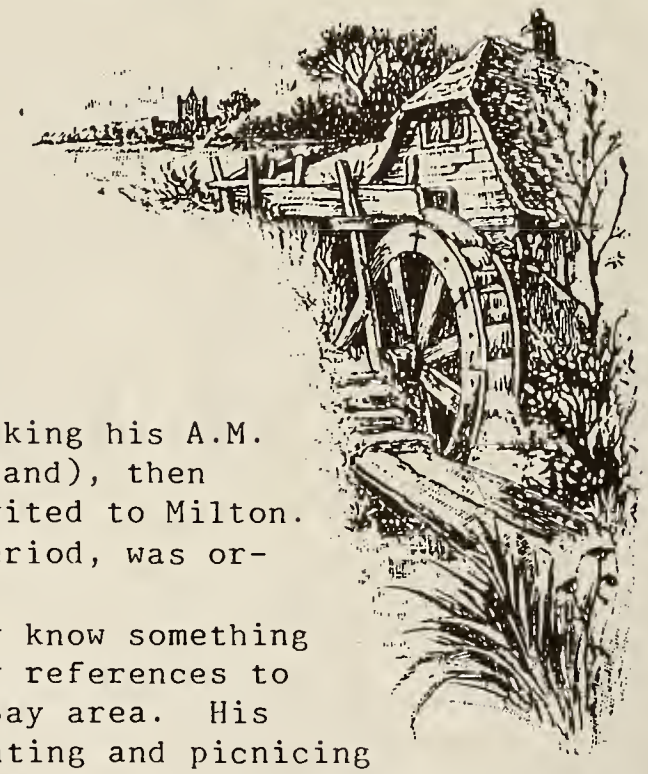
PETER[5] THACHER (1686-1766) youngest child of Ralph & Ruth (Partridge) Thacher, was a minister at Weymouth; he died at Lebenon, CT. He married Abigail Hibbard of Windham, CT, daughter of Joseph Hibbard and Abigail Lindon. Their children were:

PETER (1716-1751), a Sea Captain of Providence, R.I.
JOHN (1719-1739) Lemster, New Hampshire
LYDIA (1720-1792) m. John Davidson - 4 children: Peter, Lydia, Betsey, John
ABIGAIL (1725-1813) unmarried, she adopted Stephen & Mary, children of Rodolphus 2nd, and resided at Kennebunk, Maine.
RUTH (1727-1740) m. Timothy Goodwin, children: Ruth & Timothy
JOSEPH (1722-1751) Lebanon, CT
RODOLPHUS 1st (1729-1740) Lebanon, CT
SAMUEL (1730-1812) m. Ruth Burnham; ch: Lavinia, Polly, Abigail, Nancy, George
JOSIAH (1733-1799) Yale College; minister at Gorham, Maine; m. Apphia Mayo
Ch: Peter died; Apphia died; Peter; Apphia; Mary; Faith; John; Apphia; Josiah.
JARED (1735--) Soldier 1757 French & Indian War; buried near Ft. Edward.
JOHN[6](1739-1805) m. Abigail Swift; res. Lebanon, CT; Ch: Abigail, Jared, PETER[7], John, James, Lydia, Abigail, Paulina, John, Jesse and Nancy(died).
RODOLPHUS 2nd (1742-1788) m. Mary Cone & had Stephen 1774 & Mary 1775, the two children adopted by sister, Abigail of Kennebunk, Maine. Mary Cone Thacher died 1775.

These are the ancestors of our own ELWOOD JAMES[11] THACHER of Winter Haven, Florida, who compiled many volumes on our Thachers both of the Boston Branch and of the Yarmouth Branch. The data above is from his THOMAS THACHER 1620-1678 BOSTON BRANCH, Progenitors & Descendants, 1978 Vol. 2, pages 56, 59, 61, 80-83; and Vol. 3, pages 18-20.

Watch For MARTHA'S VINEYARD FEATURE in a Future Issue...

REV. PETER[4] THACHER (1651-1727)



Sibley's HARVARD GRADUATES, V.2, p.370:
Rev. Peter Thacher, M.A., of Milton, was born at Salem 1651, youngest son of Rev. Thomas Thacher of Weymouth. Cotton Mather says, "He was a devout and pious child; and as a prognostick of his future usefulness, in his early days he met with a great and signal Deliverance: For, falling down before the open floodgate of a Water-mill a going, he was drawn into the sluice and carried thro' between the pads of the Wheel without being hurt."

Rev. Peter Thacher, graduated from Harvard 1671, then taking his A.M. in 1674, he traveled and studied abroad (Cambridge, England), then preached at Barnstable for about a year before being invited to Milton. There he arrived in 1680 and after a nine month trial period, was ordained.

"Peter Thacher is the first minister about whom we really know something other than names and dates. He left a journal, and many references to him exist. He was one of the leading ministers in the Bay area. His diary shows him to have been mortal - he liked to go hunting and picnicing in the Blue Hills. He bowled at ninepins...smoked a pipe ... and imported merchandise from England. He was of a lively nature, very engaging in ordinary conversation and easy and pleasant in any company. He was a "practical Christian" and not a blind follower of doctrine. He was a human being and made no pretense at being anything else. Peter Thacher (except for the length of his sermons) would have been a success today at Milton."
From A HISTORY OF MILTON by Edward Pierce Hamilton, 1957, pages 125, 126.

Rev. Peter Thacher had nine children by his first wife, Theodora Oxenbridge, known at Milton as "Madame Thacher" She was a daughter of Rev. John Oxenbridge whose ancestry we will examine in the Winter Issue. She was born 1659 and died 1697.
Peter married 2nd, Susannah Wilkins Bailey who died 1724. He married his cousin 3rd: Elizabeth (Thacher) Gee, daughter of Judah. (no more children).

Children of PETER[4] THACHER & his first wife, Theodora Oxenbridge:
THEODORA (1678-1732) m. Jonathan Gulliver (3 ch.)
BATHSHEBA (1680-1680)
OXENBRIDGE[5](1681-1772) Harvard - m. 1) Elizabeth Lillie; ch: of 3, Oxenbridge[6](1719-1765)
ELIZABETH (1682-1715) m. Rev. Samuel Niles (4 ch.)
MARY (1685-1685)
THOMAS (1686-1687)
PETER[5] (1688-1744) Harvard - m. Mary Prince; Ch: Mary, Mercy, PETER[6], SAMUEL[6], Susanna, Thomas, John, Oxenbridge, Moses, Theodora, all born at Middleboro, Mass.
JOHN (1691-1692)
THOMAS (1693-1721)
JOHN (1701-1701) - child of Susannah -

Notes from the Editor, and A Preface to the Following Pages

We have much more to say about Rev. Peter[4] Thacher of Milton, Mass., and we will! In the next issue we'll feature Harvard College and include a Roster of Thacher graduates. Then, we'll look into the ancestry of Rev. Peter[4] Thacher's wife, Theodora Oxenbridge in England and France. With the Winter Issue our Thacher Chart will be revised once again.

On the following pages we depart from Old New England for a quick visit with the Editor's family in Illinois around the turn of the century - "In The Good Old Summertime of America"!

About 1850 Moses Wilmarth[9]Thacher, great grandson of Rev. Peter[6] Thacher of Attleboro, Mass., grandson of Rev. Peter[4], above, left New York to settle in Henry Co., Illinois. His son, Charles Wilmarth Thacher was the Editor's great grandfather of Rock Island, Ill.

THACHER HOUSE

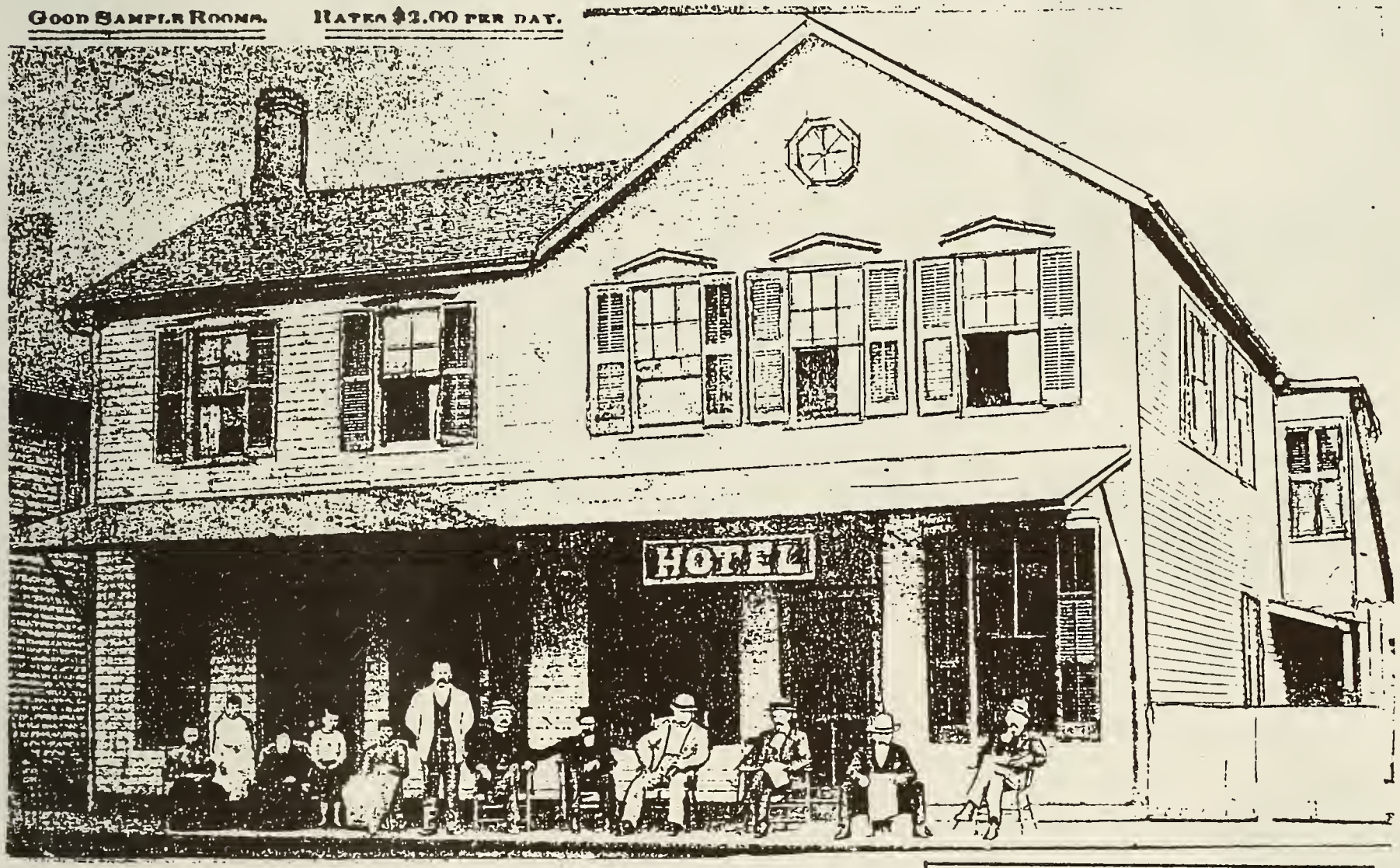
MRS. R. T. THACHER

PROPRIETRESS

GOOD SAMPLE ROOMS. RATES $2.00 PER DAY.

MOSES WILMARTH[9] THACHER was a son of REV. MOSES[8] THACHER who died 1866, Henry Co., Ill., a grandson of Rev. soldier, OBADIAH[7] THACHER, and a great grandson of REV. PETER[6] THACHER of Attleboro, Mass.

After his death in 1882, his widow carried on as proprietress of the Thacher House Hotel.



Children of
Moses Wilmarth Thacher
(1823-1882)
and his wife,
Rosina Terpenning

Lizzie (1852-1900)
m. Charles Wood

Jessie (1857-1928)
m. H. C. Thatcher

Nellie (1855-1906)
m. Geo. E. Douglas

leaning against Lizzie:
Ella (1865-1957)
m. Clarence Hunt

leaning against Nellie:
Kate (1860-1946)
m. Edwin S. Perkins

at night:
Charles Wilmarth Thacher
(1862-1947)

On the Porch: 3rd & 4th from Left, Mrs. R.T. Thacher & son, Charles W. Thacher

Mason City,
Custer County,
Nebraska:

—"**Papa**" is what Charles W. Thacher, the clever book-keeper of the Bank of Mason City, is called by the young lady who arrived at his home on Tuesday, February 4th, and it is unnessary to chronicle the fact that Charley is the happiest man in town, this being the first glad event of the kind to occur in his household. The recklessness with which Charley sets up the cigars to his friends is sufficient evidence of his joy.

ROCK ISLAND LINES

OFFICE OF
C. W. THACHER

To Katherine Rosine Thacher
2012 9th Avenue, Rock Island
Illinois

February 4, 1908

Dear Katherine,

I don't suppose you remember much about what happened just eighteen years ago -

It was out in old Nebraska where the winds most awful blow;
the Stork had hoovered 'round our house for quite a little while,
— waiting for him to do business was like waiting for the kettle to bile!

But when, at last, he made up his mind the thing was quickly over.
I felt so free from the great suspense I thought I was a rover,
and, went out to milk the cow, for it was awful late, and
when I came in I marked it down so I wouldn't forget the date!

Your Aunt Ell was there, and Mother Immel, Dr. Miller and I,
We had dinner and were happy and gay, but YOU didn't eat any pie!
I'm enclosing herewith a five dollar check, so you can remember the day, and if you have any small debts, you can get the thing cashed, and proceed the same to pay!

PAPA

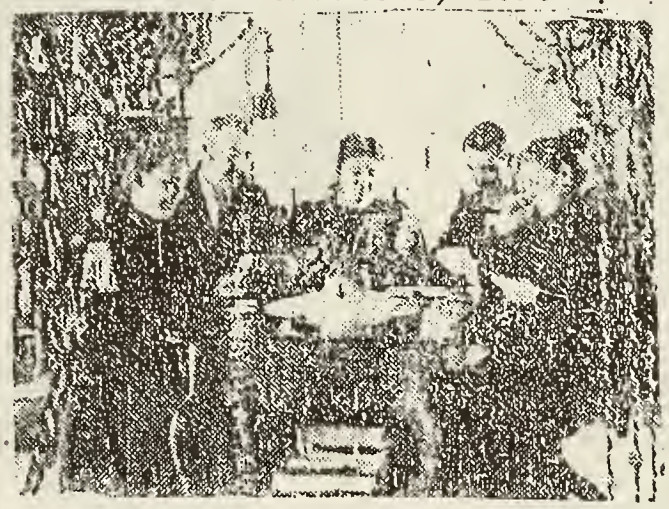
Katherine Rosine Thacher was born Feb. 4, 1890 at Mason City, Nebraska during a sand-storm! She attended elementary school at Galva and high school at Rock Island, Ill. On Sep. 29th 1913 Katy married Richard H. Liitt, her high school sweetheart, and they had two daughters Elizabeth Ann and Kathleen May., Dick Liitt passed away in 1953 and Katy, 1974 on Mother's Day in presence of her daughter, grand & great granddaughter.

The Thacher - Liitt burial place was Chippiannock Cemetery, Rock Island County, Ill.

CAMBRIDGE CHRONICLE, March 3, 1886

MARRIED: Last evening at the residence of the bride's father, J. W. Chapman, Miss Lizzie Chapman and Mr. Charles W. Thacher were married by Elder C. S. Humphrey of the Christian Church. The ceremony took place at the close of the progressive euchre game, in the presence of the members of the club (to whom it was intended to be a surprise), and a few others. Lizzie is the only sister of the editors of this paper, and a more generous or loving girl never lived. Charles has always lived in Cambridge, is a most exemplary young man, popular and highly esteemed. They take up their abode in a suite of rooms on E. Exchange St. today, but will not take up keeping house for several months. May they always be happy.

At The Thachers', 1896



THE TALE OF THE THACHERS, TERSELY TOLD
Written for their 50th Anniversary, March 3, 1936

Grandmother sits by the fireplace where Grandma's supposed to sit
In her hands there is no knitting, because she does not knit!

So, her mind is not on knitting, but on fifty years ago;
When she, the charming Lizzie, caught herself a beau!

She thinks of the bride so lovely and thinks of the bridgroom, too,
And remembers how she wondered if it really could be true.

She thinks of the joy of living in the "love cottage" state,
When Charles came home from the depot and she met him at the gate.

She thinks of her Charles so loyal and the fortitude it took
For him to smile and be pleasant when she was learning to cook!

As Ruth said to Naomi, "Where thou goest I will go",
So said the loving Lizzie, and she found he was not slow!

For he hopped from city to city, wherever his work might be;
to almost every station on the old R.I. & P.!

He heid him to Nebraska where the corn and sunflowers grow;
and there went also Lizzie...she was used to it, you know!

Then they came back to Illinois, and were happy as could be;
for Charles was back to his first love...the C. R. I. & P.!

And everywhere this couple went, they made friends, you may be sure,
For they're the kind of people whose friendships will endure.

And all this time Charles did his part, and never made a blunder...
Except sometimes when a storm came up, he did not stop the thunder!

And then, She found Petosky, and He had to follow her!
And learn to be a bridgehound...but he murmered not a mur!

For fifty years they've stuck it our through every kind of weather;
Where e'er they are, where e'er they go, they always go together!

And so, old friends, Good Luck to you and never any tears;
We hope you'll live together for another fifty years!

At the Rock Island Railroad Station: Lizzie goes to California!

1934

Probably 1935
at the home of C.H. Hunt
Cambridge, Illinois

Left to right:

Richand Harold Liitt of Rock Island	(1891-1953)
Katherine Rosine (Thachen) Liitt	(1890-1974)
Carl Algott Hallgren of Rock Island	(1885-1938)
Shirley (Hallgren) Breneton	b. 1920
Jessie (Thachen) Hallgren	(1895-1943)
Kathleen Mae (Liitt) Kropen	b. 1917
Donothy (Hunt) Sinclain	(1897-1950)
Kate (Thachen) Penkins	(1860-1946)
Ellen (Thachen) Hunt	(1865-1957)
Elizabeth Ann (Liitt) Tallman	b. 1914
Elizabeth (Chapman) Thachen	(1867-1938)
Leigh Henbent Hunt	(1895-1983)
Charles Wilmanth Thachen	(1862-1947)

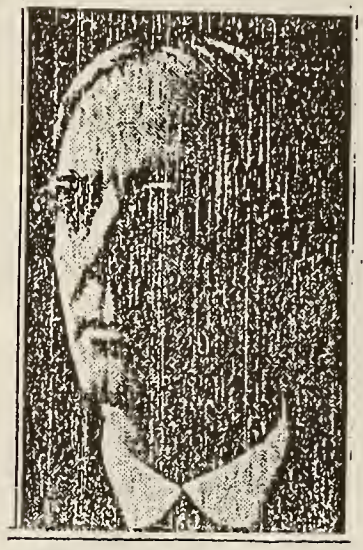
The two little girls in front:

Banbana (Sinclain) Glick	b. 1924
Beverly Hallgren	b. 1924

The THACHER FAMILY PHOTO was sent by Barbara and Merle Glick of Pekin, Illinois - Thacher Quarterly subscribers.

RAIL VETERAN TO CLOSE CAREER

DEC. 30, 1932.



C. W. THACHER.

Mr. Thatcher, freight agent in Rock Island since 1930, and in charge of the Silvis transfer from 1907 until it was closed in 1931, is completing 46 years of service with the company, having started officially as helper at the Cambridge station on the Rock Island-Peoria branch of the road.

Native of Cambridge.

The veteran agent was born near Cambridge Dec. 27, 1862, and began railroading at the age of 17 as helper at the Cambridge station. There he learned telegraphy and bookkeeping, and obtained a position as station agent at Hartsburg, Ill. After a year at Hartsburg, he became associated with the Burlington railroad, and worked for that road at several points in Nebraska and Missouri.

Returning to Rock Island in 1886, he became a train dispatcher, but after three years in this position he resigned to become associated with a bank in Mason City, Neb.

Mr. Thatcher was called back in 1891 to his old position in Rock Island. For a number of years he resided in Milan, where he became a member of the village board, serving as president for two terms. Later he was sent to Galva as agent for the Rock Island Lines, and in 1903 returned to Rock Island to take charge of the Twentieth street freight depot, serving there until 1907, when he was placed in charge of the Silvis transfer, being agent there until the transfer was abolished in 1931.

In 1930 he was also placed in charge of the Rock Island freight station of the road and continued for a year at both posts. He will be succeeded by Fred C. Hall, Moline agent.

Although Mr. Thatcher is planning to rest after the many years of hard work, he is also looking forward to a vacation in Michigan next summer and to a spring and summer of golf.

AN ANSWER TO OUR QUERY, WINTER ISSUE 8, 1991:

In answer to our QUERY, research has revealed that that the DOROTHY THACHER who was called a sister of ANTHONY THACHER by John Osborn Austin in his "One Hundred and Sixty Families", and his daughter by Allen Forbes in "Towns of Old England and New England", was actually his sister-in-law.

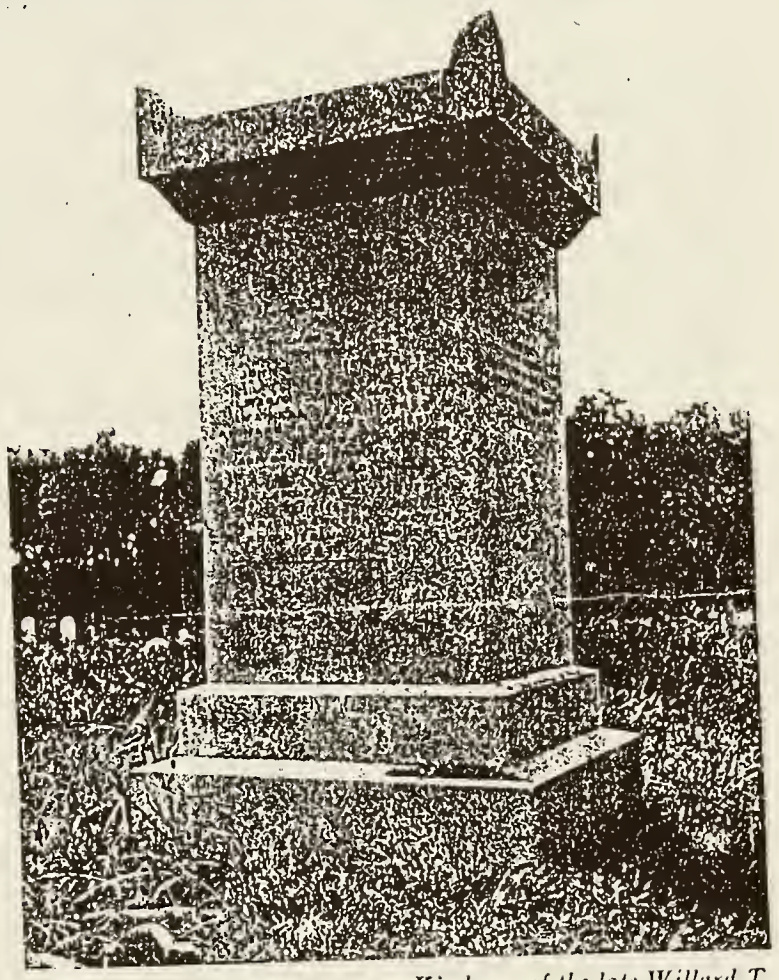
She was DOROTHY BATTS, sister of ALICE BATTS, Rev. Peter Thacher's 2nd wife. Peter and Anthony's sister, ANN THACHER married their brother, CHRISTOPHER BATTS. Dorothy and Christopher came to America on the ship, Bevis, landing at Plymouth in 1638. She and her brother were mentioned in Rev. Peter Thacher's will of 1640. Dorothy Batts is probably the one who married c1638, Pilgrim Richard Sears and bore their first child Paul (1638) at Plymouth.

In the New England Historical & Genealogical Register, V.34 p.315 July 1880, we found the 100 year old Query of Samuel Pearce May, Esq. of Newton,Mass. "Who were the parents of DOROTHY THACHER who married at Plymouth, RICHARD SEARS?"

We then discovered that Samuel P. May compiled a genealogy in 1890: THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD SEARS OF YARMOUTH, MASS, 1638-1888, explaining the SEARS/THACHER/BATTS relationships.

Page 38: "Richard Sears, in his will (witnessed by Anthony Thacher) calls Antony of Yarmouth "brother Thacher". Anthony's son, John gave testimony calling him "my Uncle Sears" Mar. 5, 1676. An appendix to the will of Richard Sears was witnessed by sons of Anthony Thacher, John & Judah, Feb. 3, 1675/6."

"The will of Rev.Peter Thacher, dated 1640 mentions "brother Antony" and "sister Ann, wife of Christopher Batts" and others, among them, "wife's sister, Dorothy."



From a photograph *Kindness of the late Willard T. Sears and Hans Eberhard, Esq.*

MONUMENT TO RICHARD SEARS IN YARMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS

He was the founder of the American line of Sears, coming to Massachusetts in 1630. Some of his descendants settled at Chatham, among them being his grandson, Daniel Sears, over whose grave a monument similar to the one in Yarmouth has been erected. The name of Sears is closely associated with the early history of Cape Cod. Richard Sears married Dorothy, daughter of Antony Thacher of Yarmouth, Massachusetts, one of the first three grantees of land in that town.

From Allen Forbes' "Towns of Old England & New England"

The only DOROTHY we found was of the THATCHER family "of Ringmer" & St. Olave, Southwark, found in "Sussex Genealogies" by John Comber 1933, a "staunch Roman Catholic family". She was baptised 1587, which date puts her in the same age group as Anthony Thacher and Richard Sears. She married a John Fromond and could have been widowed by about 1630, however, in view of her family's religious convictions it is doubtful that she would have left England in search of religious freedom.

Some THACHER-SEARS Marriages from THE DESCENDANTS OF RICHARD SEARS by Samuel P. May, 1890:

Page 33 Ichabad Paddock son of Deborah Sears & Zacharia Paddock m. 2nd Mary Thacher dau. of Elisha Hedge. She was widow of Deacon Josiah Thacher who died 1702.
Page 34 Capt. John Paddock m. 1716 Rebecca Thacher, dau. of Josiah Thacher, son of Col.John
Page 70 Desire Sears b, 1736 m. 1st Benjamin Thacher Jr. 1757
Page 73 Joshua Sears m. 1719 Mary, dau. of Deacon Josiah Thacher & his wife, Mary Hedge
Page 151 Lucy Sears, b. 1797, dau. of Elkanah Sears b. 1758, m. 1816 Ezekiel Thacher, Barnst
Page 170 Deborah Sears b. Yarmouth 1772 m. 1792 John Thacher, Jr. seaman of Dartmouth (11 ch

Research by Nancy T. Walkowski at the Burton Historical & Genealogical Library, Detroit

January 18, 1992

From JACK L. THACHER, 213 N. Road, R.F.D. 1,
Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037

March 20, 1991

Dear Nancy:

Enclosed is a photograph of a theater poster that Jack & I bought on impulse at an auction about 20 years ago - we thought it would be fun for the wall of a game room. We still don't have a game room, so it still hangs in the garage workshop.

We don't know if "George Thatcher" was a stage name, but he was billed as America's Greatest Minstrel and Punster, and the poster shows him as he looked wearing his blackface makeup and too-long shoes, as well as without makeup and dressed like a stylish dandy.

The poster is about 41" tall and 29" wide, and is dated "9/21/89 the Forbes Co., Boston and N.Y.", and in pencil at the bottom is written "Court Sq. Theatre Feb. 11," so we guess George was appearing there in February 1890.

I just thought you might find this piece of Thatcher ephemera somewhat tantalizing.

Was he a REAL Thatcher or just a character; who knows?

(PLEASE WRITE IF YOU DO! N.T.W.)

ENOCH RIX[9] THACHER
(1837-1900)

And speaking of ephemera, I compared the date of 1827 in a handwritten medical records book of ENOCH THACHER (1805-1850), with the vital statistics dates for him, and realized that he was caring for patients when he was the very young age of 22. He was a doctor in Wells River, VT in 1827, and that was all we knew of him until we heard from Dr. Shaw several years ago, and could properly place Dr. Enoch Thacher in my husband's lineage.

Sincerly yours,
Mrs. Jack L. Thacher

ANCESTRY: See THACHER CHART, No. 2

THOMAS THACHER[3] (1620-1678) & 1) Elizabeth Partridge
PETER[4] THACHER (1651-1727) & 1) Theodora Oxenbridge of Milton
PETER[5] THACHER (1688-1744) & 1) Mary Prince of Middleboro
SAMUEL[6] PRINCE THACHER (1717-1795) & 2) Sarah Kent
JOHN OXENBRIDGE[7] THACHER (1765-1843) & Lucy Richmond
ENOCH[8] THACHER (1805-1850) & 2) Abbie Bowle of Wells River, VT
ENOCH RIX[9] THACHER (1837-1900) & 2) Rachel Jennie MacKenzie
WALTER PERCY[10] THACHER (1869-1921) & Jennie E. had son, WM. P.[11] & grandson, Jack L.[12].

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Dear Cousins & Friends,

In our 12th Issue the THACHER QUARTERLY returns to school at HARVARD UNIVERSITY in Cambridge, Massachusetts with Rev. Peter Thacher[4] (1651-1727), son of Rev. Thomas Thacher of Old South Church, Boston. Records are from "Sibley's Harvard Graduates" and The Harvard Book.

Our records included the marriage of Rev. Peter[4]Thacher to THEODORA OXENBRIDGE, daughter of Rev. John Oxenbridge of Dorchester, Mass. The Oxenbridge ancestry takes us through Royal Lines of Europe to Emperor Charlemagne. See enclosed Chart of Our Royal Ancestry, with this issue. On the reverse side of the chart are our References for the ancestry of Theodora Oxenbridge Thacher.

We have focused upon Kings of England, WILLIAM I, The Conqueror, HENRY II and two of the most important women in his life, and his sons KING JOHN of Magna Carta, and WILLIAM LONGESPEE, 3rd Earl of Salisbury. See Chart, right of center.

Please note that Rosamund de Clifford,the Other Woman in the Royal Triangle featured on page 8, died of natural causes according to historians today, legends aside! Thus Queen Eleanor is not to be blamed for the death of the king's mistress! (We did not include this information on our page 8 so as not to spoil a great story told according to legend!)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: THE THACHER QUARTERLY will be mailed twice a year beginning with the SPRING/Summer Issue, No. 14 to be mailed in the Spring, and AUTUMN/Winter, in the Fall.

Subscriptions already paid for, will be adjusted to accomodate the new mailing schedule. Subscription cost will remain at $10 per year.

With less stress placed upon the editor, we hope for a better quality publication and more time for research & correspondence!

Watch for your new Subscription Expiration Date on your address label with the Next Issue of the THACHER QUARTERLY. We will keep our name as a 'Quarterly': SPRING/Summer, Issues and AUTUMN/Winter Issues will be combined and mailed twice yearly in Spring and Autumn.

Thank you all for your cooperation in this new arrangement. Any important news will be shared in occasional THACHER Bulletins between issues. A last WINTER ISSUE, No. 13 will complete 1992.

Note on reverse side Current Events Page, we have heard from Old South Meeting House who once again remind us that it is now believed that The Portrait in their possession,after examination by experts, was painted too late to be our Rev. Thomas Thacher, but may be his son, Rev. Peter[4] Thacher (1651-1727) in this issue. So, we must begin to 'think differently' about the portrait, much as we would like it to be Our Thomas!

May I suggest that one of our prayers of Thanksgiving this year be for Cotton Mather - who had so much to say! Until the next issue...

Your Cousin,

Nancy

CURRENT EVENTS:

EDITOR JOINS OLD SOUTH ASSOCIATION

- The Portrait -
In Search of An Identity...

~~REV. THOMAS ^{3} THACHER ?~~

REV. PETER^{4} THACHER ?

Descendants of Rev.Peter^{4}Thacher (& his father, Thomas) have claimed inheritance of certain strong features, such as "The Thacher Chin".

Since joining Old South Association, your editor has reeeived her 1st newsletter,"The Dial of The Old South Clock", a very professional & interesting publication!

The feature story in the June-Sept. 1992 Vol. 4, Issue 2 was a 2-page article about Old South during the Civil War, entitled "A House Divided"by Lynn Betlock, who wrote the letter at right.

Summer Events & Old South Notes features were brought to life by liberal use of photos.

Members are given free admission to Old South Meeting House, the newsletter and notices of events, and discounts on dining, parking, gift shop & certain events such as "Ben Franklin's Walking Tour of Colonial Boston".

N.T.W.

Old South Association in Boston

The Old South Meeting House

July 29, 1992

Dear Ms. Walkowski,

We just recently received our latest issue of the Thacher Quarterly, and all the staff here passed it around and enjoyed it as usual. Its nice to keep in touch with the Thachers, because of your continuing interest in Old South. Recently, I spoke with a group of Thacher family members from Texas who were visiting here, and I xeroxed a copy of the latest Thacher Quarterly for them. So they may be getting in touch with you.

After reading the account of Merle and Barbara Glick's trip to Boston, I just wanted to clarify a few things about Old South, should people want to visit. First, the admission price is not $4.00. It is $2.50 for adults, $2.00 for college students and seniors, and $1.00 for anyone under sixteen.

More importantly, I wanted to explain about the status of the Thacher portrait. It sounded a little dramatic to say that it was locked in a basement room, and no one could be found to unlock it. True, it is in our basement office, but it, like all of our collections not on display, is in a climate-controlled, fully alarmed collection storage unit. These sorts of conditions will help ensure that the portrait will be well preserved for many years to come. There are a couple additional reasons why the portrait is not on display. The rest of the Meeting House is not air-conditioned and that obviously could cause problems for a 300+ year old portrait, given our hot, humid summers here. Also, the current Meeting House exhibits are designed to recreate the feel of a Puritan meeting house. Accordingly, there are no portraits or any other objects on the walls at all. The exhibits we do have are below pew level so that these modern day additions will not intrude on the plainness and simplicity of the meeting house design. And the main reason why it is not on display is because, as you know, we now believe that the portrait is not of Thomas Thacher, but rather Peter Thacher. Obviously, a portrait of Peter Thacher has much less significance for Old South than one of Thomas Thacher.

As for viewing the Thacher portrait, it is possible if people make arrangements in advance with the director, Cynthia Stone, or myself. People should not expect to be able to view the portrait on weekends, as we have only a skeleton staff on those days, and we would need to be able to satisfy certain security precautions.

I hope this makes the situation with the Thacher portrait here a little clearer. Thank you for your continued interest in Old South.

Sincerely,

Lynn Betlock

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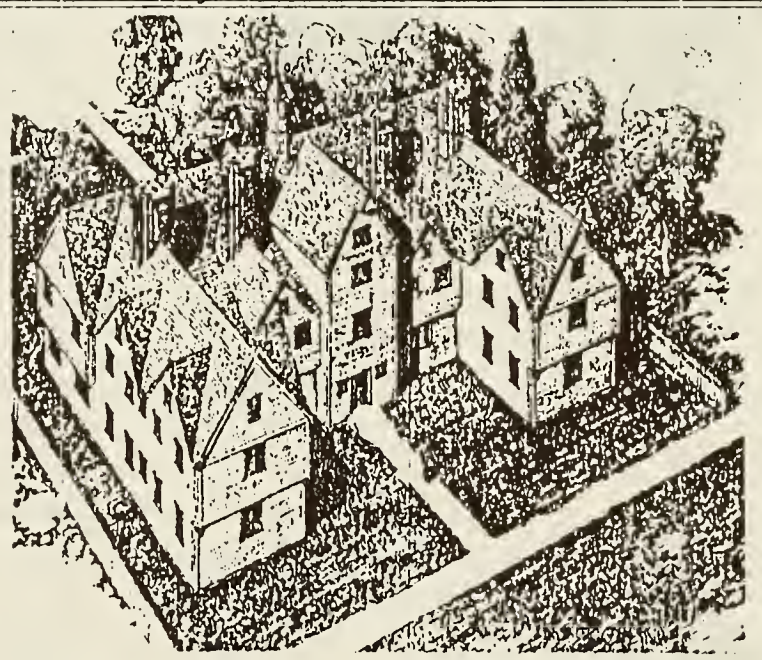
THACHER QUARTERLY

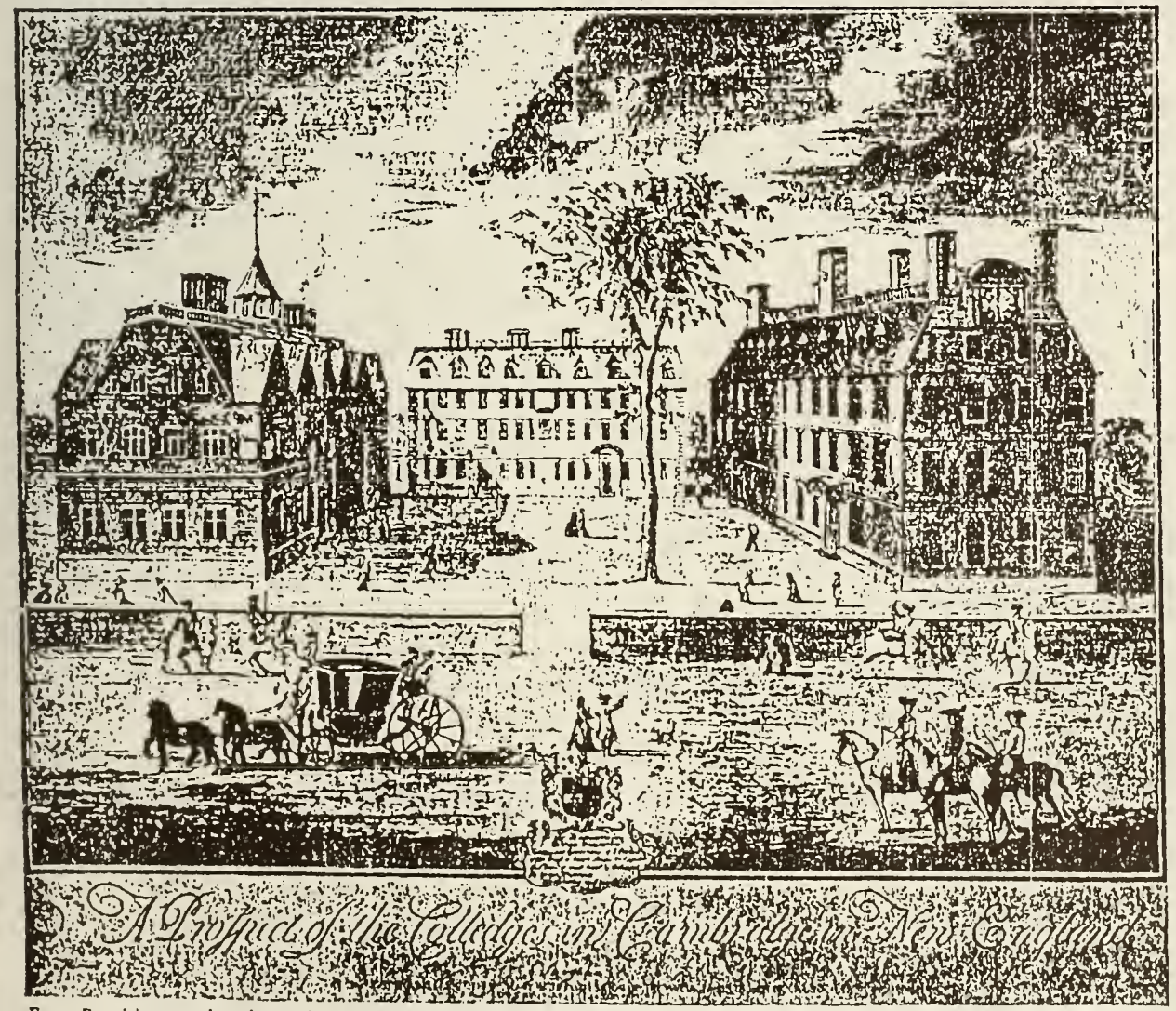
No. 12, AUTUMN, 1992 HARVARD UNIVERSITY in Cambridge, Massachusetts

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

From the very outset the American concern with public education, motivated by both democratic and religious intentions, was phenomenal, and this tendency was especially strong in New England. Harvard College was established in 1636, and the Boston Latin School, the first free public school, in 1643. However, none of the early buildings which housed these institutions exists today. The original "Old College" at Harvard (plate 28), the first college building in America, was begun in 1638, finished for the first commencement in 1642, and torn down in 1679. It was oak-framed and clapboarded like the New England houses of the time, but much grander in scale and probably E-shaped, as shown in the reconstruction, with gables and clustered chimneys. Unfortunately, its successor, Harvard Hall (1674–77), built of brick and the most impressive building in the English colonies in its time, was destroyed by fire in 1764.



28 "Old College" at Harvard, Cambridge, Mass. 1638–79. Conjectural reconstruction, drawn by H. R. Shurtleff, 1933. Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, Boston



From Burgis's engraving of 1726 in Harvard College Library, Harvard University, published by Charles E. Goodspeed, from original in Massachusetts Historical Society *Kindness William C Lane, Esq. and Walter B. Briggs, Esq.*

HARVARD COLLEGE, 1726,

showing on the right Massachusetts Hall, the latest to be added (1720) to the group of three buildings then composing the College and the only one which remains to the present date.

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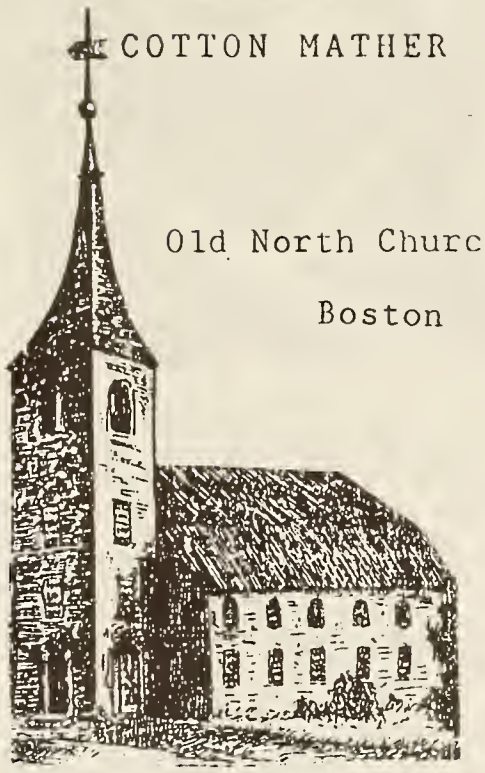

Old North Church,

Boston

Cotton Mather's father, Increase Mather (below), was the son of Richard (and son-in-law of John Cotton). He was arrogant, hot-tempered, and power-hungry, though, as a contemporary Bostonian once said, he had "the face of an angel."

COTTON MATHER

One of the most extraordinary personages in early Harvard history was Cotton Mather (1663-1728) whose prodigious learning and amazing energy were applied both to his ministry (Old North Church, Boston) and to his voluminous writings. Disappointed twice in the expectation of becoming president of Harvard, he nevertheless left as his monument an early history of hia alma mater in his greatest work, the Magnalia Christi Americana. This was the standard general account of the early Harvard and, despite its annoying pedantry and strange humor to modern ears, it preserved much valuable information about the early years of the College.

MAGNALIA CHRISTI AMERICANA:

"an 'Ecclesiastical History of New England, from 1620 to 1628', published by Cotton Mather in 1702. It treats more extensively the early history of the country than its title seems to indicate, and is divided into seven books: 1st 'Early Discoveries of America and the Voyage to New England'; 2nd, 'Lives of the Governors'; 3rd 'Lives of Many Reverend Divines'; 4th 'Of Harvard University'; 5th "The Faith and the Order in the Church of New England'; 6th 'Discoveries & Demonstrations of Divine Providence in Remarkable Mercies and Judgements on Many Particular People' (includes accounts of worthy people succored when in dire distress and sad endings of wicked ones and cases of witchcraft at Salem); 7th, 'Disturbances Given to the Churches of New England'.

"THE LIFE & TIMES OF COTTON MATHER"
by Kenneth Silverman, 1984
Newsweek Review by David Gates, Apr. 2, 1984, p.77

The popular view of Cotton Mather hasn't changed since the early episode in his career when he defended the 1692 Salem witchcraft trials in "Wonders of the Invisible World". Mather's initial reaction was humane and rational, but he was fatally ambitious. ("A strange combination of strengths & weaknesses") In defen e of Cotton Mather, Silverman states, he was the first truly American man of letters. He was a prodigy who entered Harvard at age 11 - the youngest student ever, before or since. He was one of the most prolific writers who ever lived, publishing 388 works during his lifetime. He wrote an estimated 5000 letters, diaries in English, Latin and Greek, plus thousands of unpublished pages. Finally, Silverman says, "Mather seems to be the first American whose portrait others wanted and bought for their homes." In other words, he was our first American celebrity!

A contemporary of Rev. Thomas Thacher and son, Rev. Peter Thacher of Milton, Cotton Mather was ordained 1684 serving as Associate of his father, Rev. Increase Mather at Old North Church, Boston.

Rev. Increase Mather (1639-1723) was 6th President of Harvard College

Biographical Sketches of GRADUATES OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY in Cambridge, Massachusetts, by John Langdon Sibley, M.A., Librarian Emeritus of Harvard University, 1881

Volume II, 1659-1677: PETER THACHER, Pages 370 - 379

"REV. PETER THACHER, M.A., of Milton, born Salem Mass., 18 July, 1651, was the youngest son of the Reverend Thomas Thacher of Weymouth and of the Old South Church in Boston, by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of the Reverend Ralph Partridge of Duxbury.

February 12, 1671-2 "Ordered by ye Corporation [of the College]. That Sr Thatcher... continue Scholar of ye house."

June 15, 1674, he "was chosen third fellow of the Colledg."

Cotton Mather speaks of him as his Tutor, and says: "What I remember with a most abiding Impression is, that besides his Methods to recommend unto his Pupils that EARLY PIETY, whereof he had been himself a notable Pattern, we admired his Prayers, in the College Hall, for the Fluent, Copious, Expressive, Beauties of them and Heavenly Entries we perceived in them."

During the difficulties with President Hoar in 1674 the Corporation of the College was so reduced that it consisted only of the President, the Treasurer, and the Resident Fellow or Tutor, Thacher.

December 11, 1674, it was "Ordered till the 25th of March next Mr. P. Thacher have liberty to live in Boston, provided he be tutor unto scholars of the Colledg there residing, who shall desire it of him."

April 19, 1676, officially as Fellow, he signed a document in commendation of George Alsock, H.U., 1673.

"He contracted an Intimate and distinguishing Friendship with Mr. Samuel Danforth... his Classmate and Fellow Tutour. Upon Mr. Danforth's going to England, Mr. Thatcher quickly follow'd Him: and on the death of his Dear Friend," 22 December, 1676, "he returned to his Native Country," where he arrived 9 May, 1677.

While in England, Thacher "was much Sollicited to Conformity, and had great Offers made Him to induce Him to it: But he had weighed the Controversy and refused the alluring Prospect." He "had the Honour and Pleasure of some Acquaintance with several Eminent Persons in London, who were Men of Renown in the Congregations of the Lord; but especially the Venerable Matthew Barker."

May 27, 1678, writes Prince, Governor Thomas "Hinckley and Elder Chipman came to Mr. Peter Thacher's house in Boston to request him to go with them to Barnstable, to be there two sabbaths." He went on the 29th, and returned to Boston 12 June, "two or three hours after his dear sister Davis was buried." "July 8, Thacher keeps a private fast to seek direction about his going to Barnstable." John Cotton, H.U. 1657, writes from Plymouth, 15 July, 1678 that "the church & people of Barnstable appointed a Fast last Thursday on purpose to beg of God to bow Mr Thacher's heart to accept their call; ...I never saw more affection manifested on such an account."

Although he gave two answers in the negative, yet many of the people were so much attached to him that another movement was made with the hope that he might yet come... July 19 Prince writes: "Elder Chipman and Mr. Allen of Barnstable come...to request him [Thacher] and his wife to go up with them. Mr. P. Thacher refers them to his father." "July 22 Rev. Mr. Thomas Thacher of Boston writes his four proposals to the people at Barnstable, as conditions of his consenting to his son's going thither."

[NOTE: We may presume his hesitation was Financial. Note also that he had married 21 Nov. 21,1677 6 months after his return from England, and that his father died Oct.15,1678]

Thacher accepted an unanimous invitation from the church in Milton, Mass. to which he was admitted 24 April, 1681 by a letter of dismission from the Third Church in Boston. He was ordained at Milton 1 June, 1681. His letter of acceptance, which he read to the congregation on Lord's Day, 8 May, 1681 is printed in the 22nd volume of the Genealogical Register. It appears that he had been preaching there for some time, and had moved his family there for a temporary residence.

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THE LETTER "These for his son, Mr. Peter Thacher at Matthew Barker's Turner Hall, Philpot Lane, London" Boston, August 16, 1676

My dear son Peter,

"I have received four letters from you, whereby I have joyfully and I hope thankfully taken notice of the kindness of God in yourcomfortable voyage to and kind reception in England by our friends; which has enlarged my desires to hear farther from you.

I hope also you have long ere this received mine to you. At present you may understand that God hath utterly scattered, delivered us up and subdued the heathen that first rose up against us, delivered up Phillip to death, cleared the coasts of Plymouth, Narragansett, Connecticut, Quonboag, & etc., from those bloody and blasphemous heathen, but behold a new enemy has broken out to the east and northward who have laid waste the country and slain my good friend, Capt. Lake and many others and this very day past woeful tidings is come of the taking in surrender Mr. Scott's garrison at Stony Point, he being but last week come from the same to Boston, leaving Esquire Joslin, as they call him, chief commander; what the particular circumstances are is not yet certain amongst us: but this is certain, that the place is taken, the garrison strong; two great pieces there and many small arms, a good store of provisions.

Such a spirit of fear and cowardice is poured out on the inhabitants of those parts that it is exceeding ominous. The Indians carry all before them, by sea and land, on the Main and on the islands in Casco, have taken several vessels, one with two great guns in it, Etc. this part of the war is like to be more difficult because so far off for us; because so near the French, who are reported to be amongst the Indians. This day it was said that there were twenty in the exploit; but we have no certainty of it, and foolish jealousies may feign that frea makes scarecrows to affright the fearful; and a slugger may say a lion is in the way. So, many of those fearful persons may think to hide their shame by such suggestions.

As for myself, I at present enjoy a measure of health and strength though laboring under some weakness gotten in my sickness. If you have not more than ordinary encouragement and a most evident call to stay in England, I hope I shall see you here, it the Lord lengthens our lives to the next summer. The Lord guide you your whole way, and bless you with all blessings of his everlasting covenent and make you a blessing whereever you come that he may be your portion.

I had almost forgot to tell you that I received a letter from my brother, Paul Thacher who lives in Salisbury, certifying that my brother, John, died three years ago, very poor. That my Mother-in-law's sister, one Mrs. Elizabeth Coombs, widow of Mr. Coombs, the great Anabaptist, is alive; she was a lively, hearty Christian when I lived at Salisbury, and I am confident would rejoice greatly to see you, being an old friend of my father's. I you go thither I presume that you will find many old friends that will rejoice to see you. But I fear such...obliterated...coming on in England that I wish you were here. To the...obliterated... Your dear father, Thomas Thacher

Your dear sister, Betty, has nearly recovered, blessed be to god from a sore dysentery flux, which is malignant and has taken away many.

To B.D. your salutations were very acceptable. Your brother, Thomas, has not yet returned from New York, but is expected daily. The Lord bring him in safety. Your brother, Ralph and his family, as also your brother, Thomas' for aught I know are all in health. If you can get Ames Medulla and cases in English for your brother, Ralph, do it, and forget it not. (Aline of shorthand.)

Once again I commend you to the grace and benediction of God according to his everlasting covenent.

August 18, 1676

This day came news to hand that Mr. Joslin was deserted by those in the garrison, while he was treating with the Indians, so that he with four more, with three women were forced to flee in the night; one of the women died by the way; they fled in old canoes to a place not far from Piscatoque, so that Mr. Joslin was innocent in that matter.

Present my services to my brother and sister, Barker and tomy son and daughter, Sheaf; her mother recieved great comfort in the letter she sent & doth long for their return."

From the New England Historical & Genealogical Register, Vol. 8

Continued from Page 3 : PETER THACHER (1651-1727) of Milton, Massachusetts; H.C. 1671

"There he continued shewing all good Fidelity for Forty & Six Years, which he spent in building the Temple of His God."

Besides being remarkably faithful in the discharge of his duties to his people, according to Mather, "He for divers Years together, spent more than a Little Time in the Service of the Christian Indians in [Punkapog] a Village not far from him; to whom he preached a Monthly Lecture, and furnished himself with skill in their Sesquipedalian Language that he might be able to do it."

"Besides all this, 'tis incredible how much Time he spent in helping the Sick, which from very many Parts far and near applied unto him...In the Prosecution of this noble Charity it is incredible how much he expended in Medicines, it may be Scores of Pounds, and a great part of his yearly Salary, which he freely bestowed upon the Invalids among his People."

According to the New England Weekly Journal, "he had a great deal of Vivacity in his natural Genius; which being Tempered with Grace & Wisdom, appeared very engaging both in his common Converse & Publick Performances...He was a very Evangelical Preacher. He was a zealous asserter of the Purity & Liberty of our Evangelical Churches, and in no other Form of church Order cou'd He see the Liberty of the People preserved as in that of this Country. He was greatly concern'd for this noble Interest, the chief Design of our excellent Fathers Hither; tho' He was full of charity to those of other Opinions."

"It was his constant Prayer that He might not outlive his Usefulness; and God was Pleased very graciously to hear Him, His Vigor & Intellectual Abilities remaining fresh to the last."

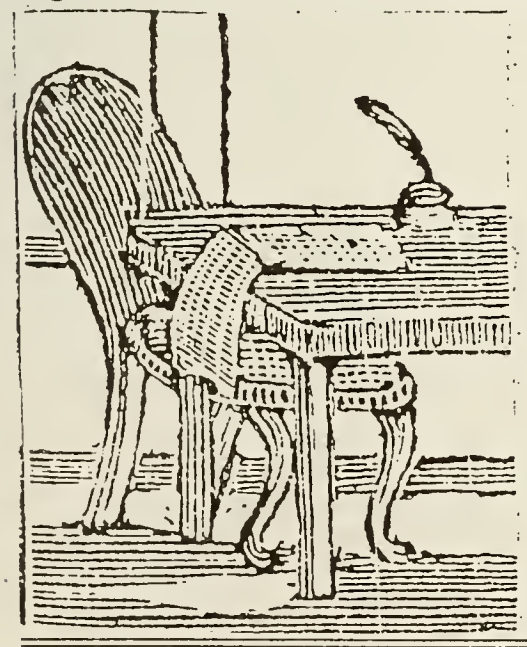
December 10, 1727, "The Lord's Day before He died He Preach'd both Parts of the Day" and baptized two children. "And He was never known to be more inlarged, fervent, lively & affectionate than in his farewel to his Dear People."

Mather says "he felt more hearty than ordinary, and performed the Domestick Sacrifices, with the Repetition of the Sermons in the Evening. Upon finding himself weary, he said, 'We read in a certain Place, the Prayers of David are ended; what if it should now be said, The Prayers of Peter are ended!' On the Day following a Fever seized him. And the next Sabbath ended with him, in his Everlasting Rest. In the Time of his illness he expressed a most Lovely Acquiescence in the Will of his Heavenly Father, and a Soul Rejoicing in the Hope of the Glory of GOD."

"Recovering, says Mather, "he called for his Domesticks and for a Staff to lean upon; So sitting up, he Blessed each of them, and made a most Pathetic & Audible Prayer with them. And then lying down...His last Words were: 'I am going to CHRIST in Glory.' Thus his Purified Spirit flew away to the Chambers of a Redeemer waiting to be Gracious."

"He died in the Calm which which he Lived, and Expired with no groans, but those of longing to be with Him, whith whom to be is by far the best of all."

December 18, 1727, Judge Sewall writes characteristically: "My dear friend died last night; which I doubt bodes ill to Milton & the Province his dying at this time, tho in the 77th year of his Age. Friday, Dec. 22, the day after the Fast, was inter'd, Bearers Rev^{d} Mr. Nehemiah Walter, Mr. Joseph Baxter; Mr. John Swift, Mr. Saml Hunt; Mr. Joseph Sewall, Mr. Thomas Prince. I determined to go to the Funeral, if the weather prov'd favourable, which it did & my Son, Mr. Cooper & Mr. Prince went with me. Refreshed with Meat & Drink; got thither about half an hour past one. It was sad to see triumphed over my dear Friend! I rode in my Coach to the Burying Place; not being able to get nearer by reason of the many horses...Mr. Walter prayed...Mr. Miller the Ch of England was there." "I have now been at the interm^{t} of 4 of my Class-mates" Adams, Aug 19, 1685; Bowles 31 Mar 1691; Phips, 9 Aug 1725; Thacher. Survivers the Rev^{d} Mr. Samuel Mather & the Rev^{d} Mr. Taylor are extremely enfeebled."



The Sermon at the funeral was the last ever preached by Cotton Mather, his "Testimony of Sincere Friendship, Value & Honour".

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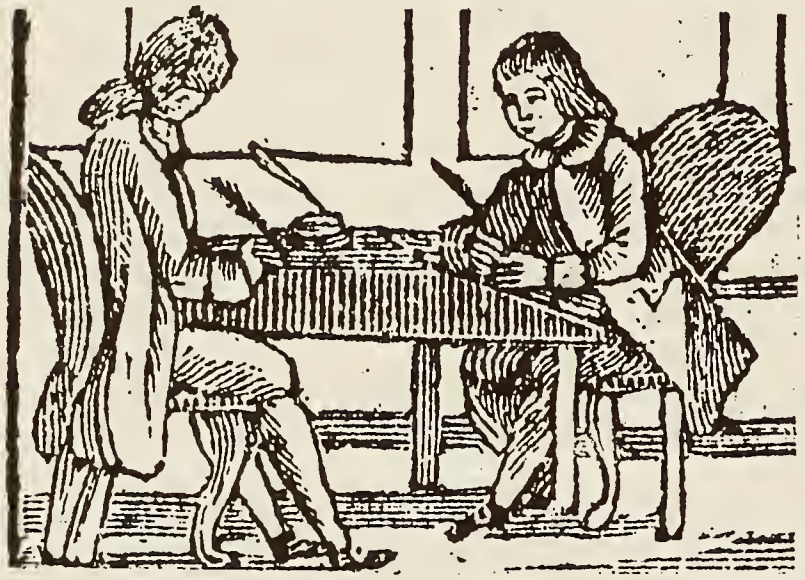
Continued from page 5: The Family of Rev. Peter Thacher (1651-1727)

Morison remarks, Thacher was "the father almost of a race of ministers, some of them distinguished for intelligence and wit, but upon the whole characterized by a winning gentleness of speech and life."

Many of his descendants have been graduates of Harvard University. In a little more than six months after his return from England he married 21 Nov. 1677, Theodora, daughter of the Reverend John Oxenbridge, minister of the First Church in Boston. Oct. 2, 1681, she "was admitted into full com'union" with the church at Milton. She died 18 Nov. 1697, aged 38 years, 3 months and 25 days. Of their nine children but three survived the father. Oxenbridge[5] [1681-1722], graduated 1698, and Peter[5] [1688-1744] in 1706. In 1699 Thacher was married to his second wife, Susanna, widow of the Rev. John Baily. She died 4 Sept 1724 in her 59th year. They had one son who died in infancy. About three months before his death he married Elizabeth, born Oct. 1667, daughter of Judah Thacher[3] of Yarmouth, and widow of Joshua Gee of Boston.



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EXTRACTS FROM "THE HARVARD BOOK" Edt. by Wm. Bentinck-Smith 1982, Page 121:

THOMAS CUSHING[8] THACHER (1771-1849) A.B. 1790: "Eliphalet Pearson A.B. 1773 was a professor of Hebrew at Harvard College in 1788 when the following disorderly conduct by student Thomas C. Thacher and others occurred. Prof. Pearson's "Journal of Disorders"; "Previously to this the same evening, there had been a very great noise, principally, as was said, at Rice's chamber and partly at Thacher's." Dec. 25, 1788.

Dec. 27: "Bowman went off. That night, between 1 and 2, two persons, in a violent & noisy manner, ran up the stairs of the east entry in Massachusetts Hall and went into Rice's or Thacher's chamber."

Jan. 1, 1789: "Mr. Smith & Abbot took up the conduct of the rioters. In the evening, Mr. Smith prayed. Several coppers were thrown at him, while in prayers, as was supposed by juniors on the north side of the chapel. After which Mr. Smith sent down the punishments of the rioters, viz. trapier 5/ for noise in town, 1/6 for not going to chamber when ordered and 1/6 for intoxication: Callender 5/ for noise, Hubbard Do, Thacher Do, Tilton Do, Withers Do, and Wragg Do, Welles 5/ for noise, 3/ for not going to chamber when repeatedly ordered and 1/6 for intoxication."

Jan. 5, Government met A.M. and Dr. Waterhouse requested in writing that Rice, Harris, Whitney & Thacher might be examined relative to the charge brought against Ellery, of his throwing stones in the College Yard. Meeting continued thro' the day."

ANCESTRY OF THOMAS CUSHING[8] THACHER, HARVARD GRADUATE, 1790:

GEN. 3	REV. THOMAS[3] THACHER (1620-1678)	of Old South Church, Boston
GEN. 4	REV. PETER[4] THACHER (1651-1727)	H.C. 1671 of Milton
GEN. 5	OXENBRIDGE[5] THACHER (1681-1772)	H.C. 1698 Merchant, of Boston
GEN. 6	OXENBRIDGE[6] THACHER (1719-1765)	H.C. 1738 Official, of Boston
GEN. 7	REV. PETER[7] THACHER (1752-1802)	H.C. 1769 of Brattle Street Church
GEN. 8	REV. THOMAS CUSHING[8] THACHER (1771-1849)	H.C. 1790 Ordained 1794

IN THE NEXT ISSUE: The Story of Rev. Peter Thacher at Milton

CHARLEMAGNE

CHARLES THE GREAT
(742-814) of France

Theodora Oxenbridge Thacher was a desc't. of Charlemagne's two sons Carloman of Italy and Louis of France. WILLIAM I, HENRY II and JOHN were desc'ts. of Louis "the Pious", King of France.

THEODORA OXENBRIDGE THACHER'S Lines of Descent from French & English Nobility are found in

PEDIGREES OF CHARLEMAGNE'S DESCENDANTS by Langston & Buck

ROYAL ANCESTORS OF MAGNA CHARTA BARONS, Carr P. Collins

ANCESTRAL ROOTS OF 60 COLONISTS by Frederick Lewis Weiss

WILLIAM I (1025-1087)
THE CONQUEROR

A Norman duke, he became the King of England thereby establishing our English ancestry!

He made a survey in England the results of which are recorded in the Domesday Book.

KING HENRY II
(1133-1189)

Grandson of WILLIAM I The Conqueror

At Rt: Henry's Queen, ELEANOR of Aquitaine (Parents of King John)

KING JOHN (1166-1216) and

The Great Charter

John's government was unjust and tyrannical, and the bishops and barons determined to preserve their rights and the rights of the people. They met on a plain called Runnymede, and there forced John to sign the famous "Magna Carta" (*Great Charter*).

Magna Carta is the most valuable charter ever granted by any sovereign to his people. In it King John names all the rights which belong to citizens under a just government, and he promises that no one of those rights shall ever be taken away from any subjects of an English king. For violating this promise one English king lost his life and another lost the American colonies.

Magna Carta was signed in 1215. A year after he signed it the king died. His son, Henry III, succeeded him.

JOHN SIGNING MAGNA CARTA

THE BARONS Listed in The Preamble to Magna Carta:

WM. Marshall, Earl of Pembroke
WM. Earl of Salisbury
WM. Earl of Warenne
WM. Earl of Arundel
Alan of Galloway
Waren FitzGerald
Peter Fitz Herbert
Hubert de Burgh
Hugh de Neville
Matthew Fitz Herbert
Thomas & Alan Basset
Philip d'Aubigny
Robert of Roppesley
John Marshall
John Fitz Hugh & Others.

NOTE: Some of the Barons of Magna Carta appear on our Ancestral Chart, enclosed.

HENRY II, Eleanor of Aquitaine, Rosamund de Clifford... all are ancestors of THEODORA OXENBRIDGE THACHER (1659-1697) wife of REV. PETER[4] THACHER (1651-1727);

KING JOHN LACKLAND (1167-1216), son of HENRY II and Eleanor of Aquitaine, and his half-brother, WILLIAM LONGSPEE - 'Longsword' - (1175-1226), son of 'Fair Rosamund de Clifford, are featured.

The Flower of the World

When as king Henry rulde this land,
The second of that name,
Besides the queene, he dearly loude
A faire and comely dame.

Most peerlesse was her beautye founde,
Her favour, and her face;
A sweeter creature in this worlde
Could never prince embrace.

Her crisped lockes like threads of golde
Appeard to each mans sight;
Her sparkling eyes, like Orient pearles,
Did cast a heavenlye light.

The blood within her crystal cheekes
Did such a colour drive,
As though the lillye and the rose
For mastership did strive.

Yea Rosamonde, fair Rosamonde,
Her name was called so,
To whom our queene, dame Ellinor,
Was known a deadlye foe.

The king therefore, for her defence
Against the furious queene,
At Woodstocke builded such a bower,
The like was never seene.

Most curiously that bower was built
Of stone and timber strong,
An hundered and fifty doors
Did to this bower belong.

And they so cunninglye contriv'd,
With turnings round about,
none but with a clue of thread
Could enter in or out.

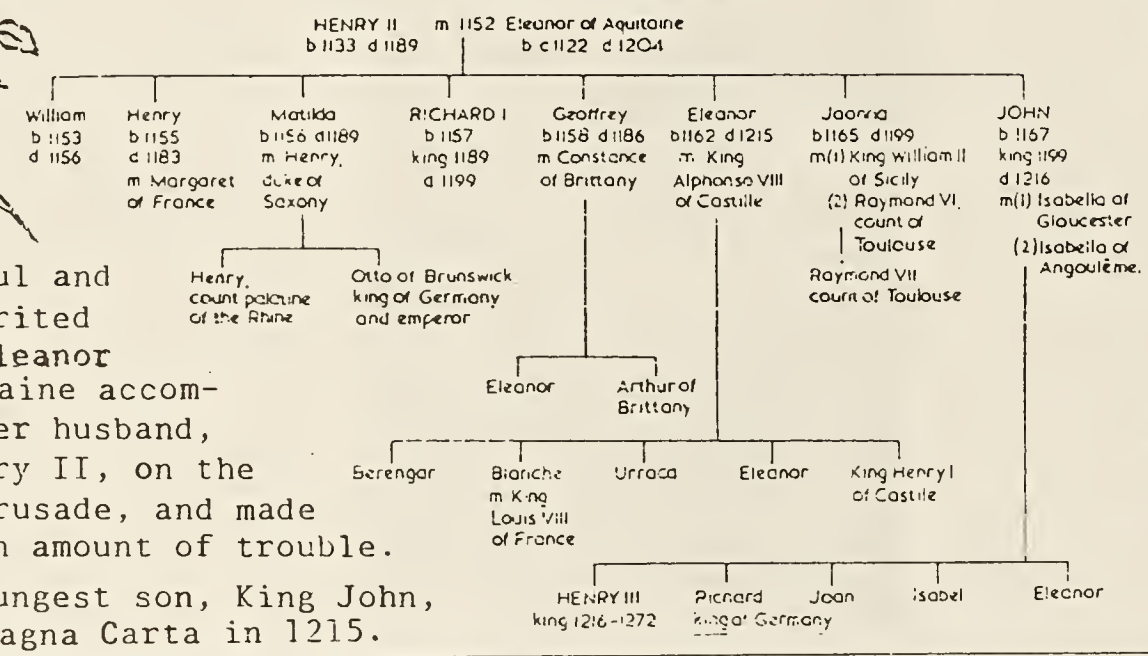
Royal Mistress, Social Outcast...

HENRY II first openly acknowledged 'Fair Rosamund' as his mistress when he was 40 and she in her early 30's. The daughter of a nobleman, Walter de Clifford, and possibly the one love of Henry's life, she lived in the royal palace of Woodstock, Oxfordshire, which the King refurbished specially for her, during the 2 or 3 years before she died in 1176. Chroniclers regarded her death as the just deserts for her adultery. The sorrowing Henry had her buried in a magnificent tomb at Godstow nunnery.

Within a century of the death of 'Fair Rosamund' de Clifford, chroniclers had begun to fabricate legends about her. According to one, she had been hidden away at Woodstock in a secret chamber within a maze to protect her from Eleanor of Aquitaine's jealousy, but the queen found her and bled her to death in a hot bath. In later centuries Eleanor was said to have found her way into the maze by following a silken thread, and that she offered 'Fair Rosamund' the choice of Dagger or Poison Cup. She chose the latter.

And casting up her eyes to heaven
She did for mercy call
And drinking up the poison strong
Her life she lost withal.

ELEANOR'S FAMILY BY HENRY II



A powerful and high-spirited woman, Eleanor of Aquitaine accompanied her husband, King Henry II, on the Second Crusade, and made a certain amount of trouble.

Their youngest son, King John, signed Magna Carta in 1215.

SALISBURY'S SUBLIME SPIRE rises over meadows of the River Avon and the Nadder in Wiltshire, England. Benefactors of the new cathedral at "New Sarum" were the 3rd Earl of Salisbury and his wife.

WILLIAM LONGESPEE, or 'Longsword',(1175-1226) was the son of HENRY II and his mistress, Rosamund de Clifford. He was given recognition & honours and became the 3rd Earl of Salisbury upon his marriage to Ela Fitzpatrick, Countess of Salisbury.

He maintained friendship with his half-brother,King John, tho he finally joined with the barons of Magna Carta. Both King and Earl were ancestors of THEODORA OXENBRIDGE THACHER, 1st wife of the REV. PETER[4] THACHER of Milton, Mass.

WILLIAM LONGESPEE, Earl of Salisbury, was the first to be buried in the new cathedral at Salisbury. His efigy appears at right.

WILLIAM stood witness as his half-brother, King John sealed Magna Carta at Runnymede. When exemplars of Magna Carta were sent to key cathedrals, one was promulgated at Old Sarum, today a ruin. In New Sarum -Salisbury- that document still tells "free men of... liberties to be had and held... forever."

See "T.Q."ISSUE 4, p.3.
CATHEDRALS OF EUROPE, Mitchell p.134
THIS ENGLAND p.242 (Nat. Geographic)
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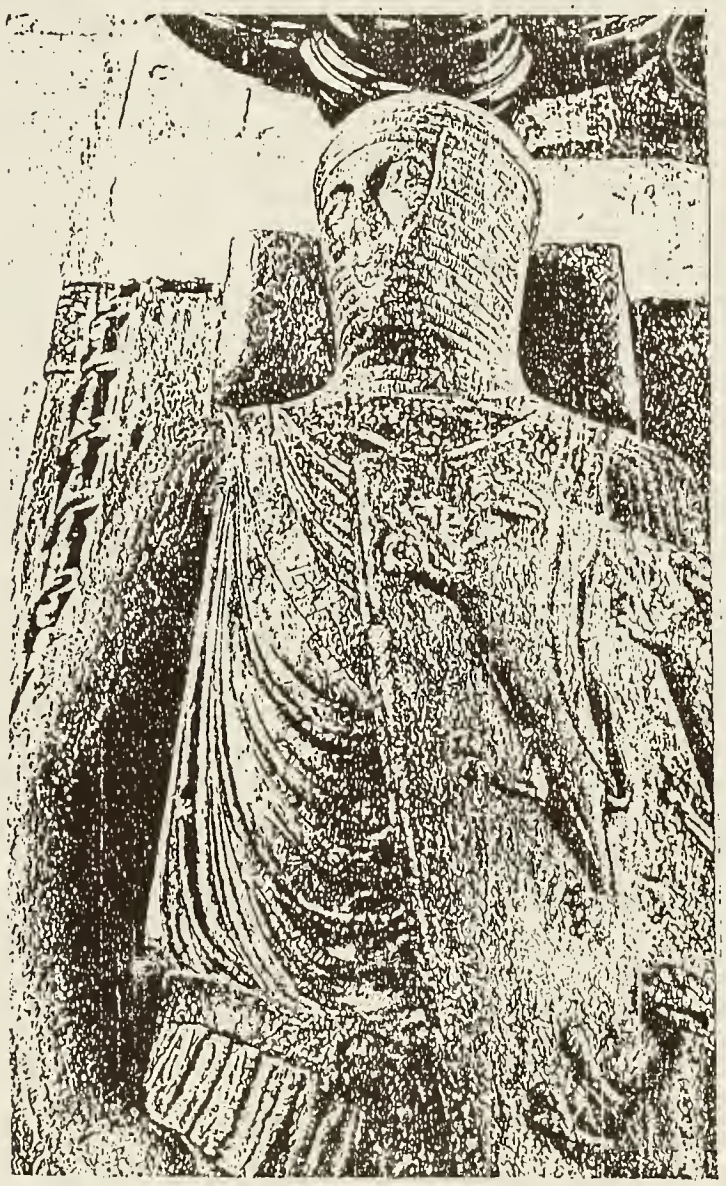
Carved in Doulting stone and originally coloured and gilded, the remarkable life-like effigy, below, is of William Longspee (died 1226), who was present at the cathedral's foundation.



Foundation Stones were laid in 1220 by WILLIAM LONGESPEE, Earl of Salisbury for himself and his wife.

The cathedral was consecrated in 1258.

SALISBURY CATHEDRAL
Salisbury
Wiltshire
England

BRATTLE STREET CHURCH,

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

This venerated relic of past days
Recalls our country's struggle to be free;
Associations nearer, dearer yet,
Are roused, as with an earnest lingering gaze
My eyes are wandering o'er its time-worn form.
Within these walls full oft has the mild voice
Of him, whom in my early youth I knew
And reverenced, poured its liquid melody
Into the listening ears, perhaps of those
Whom careless curiosity had drawn
To idly hear, but who retired to think;
To meditate on truths which, from his lips,
Acquired a double force; to raise their thoughts
To Him, whose minister of grace he was.
Though many years have passed, I still recall
His noble form, his winning smile, his voice
So finely toned; and though the silent tomb
Has long enshrined his dust, I still behold
His glance of love, which oft was mildly cast
On his first grandchild.

Still, as in childhood's hour, I venerate
His sacred memory, and with the hope,
The trembling hope, that I shall yet attain
His heavenly resting place, I view the spot
His presence hallowed and his prayers have blest.

See "T.Q." I, p.6

REV. PETER[7] THACHER, D.D.
(1752-1802)
Great Grandson of Rev. Peter[4]
Thacher of Milton, Mass.

Harvard Univ. 1769
University Edinburgh 1791

Ordained at Malden, 1770
Installed 1785 as Pastor of
Brattle Street Church,
Boston, Mass.

Member, American Academy
Arts & Sciences

Married c1770
Elizabeth Hawks Poole
Their 1st born child was
Thomas Cushing[8] Thacher
(1771-1849) H.C. 1790
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In his Story of Bunker Hill, "Now We Are Enemies", 1960, Thomas J. Fleming informs us the Official Report of the Battle of Bunker Hill was written by "the young minister Rev. Peter Thacher who watched from a house in Chelsea across the Mystic Channel." What he could not see from his viewpoint was related to him by witnesses.

One of Fleming's references: Dr.James Thacher's journal of "The American Revolution".

POEM, "Brattle Street Church" by granddaughter, Hannah B. Thacher Washburn, appears in part at left.

Boston, Mass. Brattle Street Church I. 1699.

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Dear Cousins & Friends,

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Sincere Thanks for your cooperation, NANCY

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CHARLEMAGNE (742-814) m. 3) Hildegard (d. 783 age 25) d/o Geroud of Swabia

Charles (772-811) (heir to Frankland) — Carloman (773-810) (King of Italy) "PEPIN" m. Bertha Queen of Italy — Adelaide 774 — Hotrude 775 — LOUIS (778-840) "the pious" King of France m.2) Judith (c800-843) of Bavaria — twins — Lothair d.y. — Hilda 777 — Bertha 779 — Gisela 781

son, BERNARD (797-818) m. Cunigunde d.c835, King of Italy

PEPIN II (817-840) m. ? Count of Vermandois

HERIBERT I (840-900) m. Bertha de Morvois

HERIBERT II (c880-943) m. Liegard d/o Robert I King of France

ALBERT I (920-987) m. Gerberga b. c935

HERBERT III (c955-1000) m. Ermangarde de Bar Count of Vermandois b. c970

OTTO, Count Vermandois m. Parvie (c1000-1045)

HERBERT IV (c1032-c1080) m. Adelä de Vexin Count of Vermandois

CHARLES II, the Bold (823-877) King of France m. 1) Hermentrude of Orleans

Gisela (820-874) m. Eberhard, Count Friaul

Bertila m. Berangar I d. 915 of France (c850-924)

Adalbert m. Gisela (d.923) (880-910)

Count Ivrea

Willa m. Berengar II d966 King of Italy (c900-966)

BALDWIN I of Flanders m. Judith of France d.879 b.846

Elfthryth b. 970 d/n Alfred the Great ↓ m. BALDWIN II (865-918) Count of Flanders

2) Alisa (c915-960) d/o Heribert II | m. ARNULF (c890-964) Count of Flanders

Mathilde, d. 1008 d/o Count of Saxony | m. BALDWIN III (c935-962) Count of Flanders

Susanna, d. 1003 d/o King of Italy | m. ARNULF II (961-988) Count of Flanders ⟷ (Susanne c950-1003)

(Baldwin IV & Otgiva)

2) Eleanora d/n Duke of Normandy | m. BALDWIN IV (980-1035) ⟷ m. 3) Otgiva d. 1030 d/o Count of Luxemburg

Adela d. 1079 d/o Robert II, King of France | m. BALDWIN V (c1012-1067) Count of Flanders

KINGS of FRANCE

RUTBERT IV
ROBERT I d. 923 (Father of Hugh Capet)
HUGH the Great (Magnus) d.956 m. Hedwig
HUGH CAPET, K. France (c939-996)
ROBERT II, K. France (970-1031)
HENRY I, K. France (1005-1060) m. Anne of Russia

W I L L I A M I (1025-1087) — m. — 1) MATHILDE (1031-1083) of Flanders
The Conqueror, King of England

Ch: Robert Curthose d. 1134 | WM.II 1087-1100 | HENRY I 1100-1135 | Adela m. Stephen of Blois d. 1137 | d. 1102

H E N R Y I Beauclerc (1068-1135) m. 1) Mathilde (1082-1118) d/o Malcolm III of Scotland
King of England

Ch: 1. William the Atheling (-d.c1119) Duke of Normandy — m. —

2. Matilda, (Empress of France (1104-1167) m. 1) Henry V Emperor of France (d. 1125) 2) Geoffrey of Anjou

Adela de Vermandois — m. — HUGH MAGNUS (c1065-c1120) | (1057-1102)

Isabel de Vermandois (1081-1168) m. Robert de Beaumont

FULK III m. Ermangard of Anjou

FULK IV

FULK V, King of Jerusalem → dau., Matilda

Robert de Beaumont (1104-1168) m. Amicia de Cael

Robert de Beaumont (c1150-1190) m. petronille de Grentmesnil

Geoffrey V, Plantagenet, Count of Anjou (1113-1151) m. c1125 Matilda (d/o Henry 1 above)

son, H E N R Y II Curtmantel - m. - Eleanor of Aquitaine d/o Wm. X
(1133-1189) King of Eng. (-1202)

Royal Mistress: Rosamond de Clifford

SAIER de QUINCY (c1150-1219) m. Margaret de Beaumont — (Magna Charta Baron) son, Roger de Quincy

WILLIAM LONGSPEE (1175-1225) 3rd Earl of Salisbury m. Ela Fitzpatrick — half bros. — KING JOHN Lackland (1166-1216) m. 2) Isabella (c1190-1246) of Anjou

Hugh de Vere m. Hawise s/o Richard de Q. — Elena de Quincy m. Sir Alan la Zouche

Stephen Longspee d.1260 m. Emmeline de Riddleford d.1276

HENRY III (1206-1272) m. Eleanor d/o Raymond Beranger

Robert de Vere (1240-c1296) 5th Earl of Oxford m. Alice de Sanford → Sir Roger la Zouche - m. - Ela Longspee, Baron of Ashby d. 1285

EDWARD I (1239-1307) m. Eleanor of Castile (c1244-1290)

EDWARD II (1284-1327) m. Isabella (1292-1358) d/o Philip IV of Fr.

Joan de Vere d. 1293 m. 1293 Wm. de Warrene 7th Earl of Surrey

Alan la Zouche of Ashby (1267-1314) & Rockingham Castle m. Eleanor Segrave

EDWARD III (1312-1377) m. Phillipa of Hainault (c1312-1369) d/o Wm. Earl of Hainault & Jane de Valois

Alice de Warrene m. Sir Edmund Fitz Alan (1285-1327)

Maud la Zouche (1290-1341) m. Sir Robert de Noland of Upholand, Lancs. (c1270-1329)

Edmund, of Langley, Duke of York (d.1402) m. Isabella (1355-1393) of Castile

Richard Fitz Alan m. 1) Isabel Oespenser (1306-1375) 2) Eleanor of Lancaster d/o Henry Plantagenet

Alice Fitz Alan d. 1415 - m. - Sir Thomas de Noland, K.C.

Richard Beauchamp, Lord Abegarenny (1382-14) m. Constance Plantagenet

Elizabeth Beauchamp m. Sir Edward Neville

Sir George Neville, Lord Bergavenny (1471-1535)

Sir Edward Neville m. Eleanor d/o Lord Wind

Eleanor de Noland m. 1399 Thomas de Montagu, K.C. d. 1428 Earl of Salisbury

Alice de Montagu d. bef 1462 (s/o Ralph dN. & Joan Beaufort) m. 1425 Sir Richard de Neville, K.C. Earl of Salisbury & Warwick

Alice de Neville b. aft. 1503, m. Henry, Lord FitzHugh (1452-1472)

Elizabeth FitzHugh d. bef. 1512 m. 2) Nicholas Vaux, Lord Harrowden

Katherine Vaux m. Sir George Throckmorton, Knt., d. 1552 s/o Robert (d.1553)

Clement Throckmorton of Hasely, Co. Warwick (d.1573) - m. - Katherine Neville of Aldington

3) Katherine Throckmorton m. Thomas Harby of Adston, Northants, (s/o Wm. Harby of Ashby)

Katherine Harby (d. 1681), m. Daniel Oxenbridge, M.D. (c1591-1649), (s/o Rev. John Oxenbridge)

Rev. John Oxenbridge, A.M., b. Oaventry, Eng. d. Boston (1608-1674) m. 2) Frances Woodward

THEODORA Oxenbridge THACHER (1658-1697) m. 1677 REV. PETER[4] THACHER, A.M. (1651-1727) of Milton, Mass.
son of Rev. Thomas Thacher (1620-1679), 1st minister of Old South Meetinghouse, Boston, & 1) Elizabeth Partridge
(Rev. Peter[4] of Milton; Rev. Thomas[3] of Boston; Rev. Peter[2] of Salisbury; Rev. Peter[1] of Queen Camel, Somerset)

Children of Rev. Peter[4] & Theodora (Oxenbridge) Thacher: (of 9 children only the 4 below had offspring)

Theodora (1678-1732) m. Jonathan Culliver of Milton, Mass.
Ch: Jonathan 1707, Elijah (1710-1714), Jerimiah 1718

Oxenbridge[5] (1681-1772) m. 1) Elizabeth Lillie (1719-1765) son, Oxenbridge[6] m. Sarah Kent son Rev. Peter[7] (1752-1802) of the Brattle St. Church Boston

Elizabeth (1682-1715) m. Samuel Niles of Braintree, Mass.
Ch: Elizabeth 1706, Sarah 1708, Samuel 1711, Mary 1713, Nathaniel 1715

REV. PETER[5] (1688-1744) of Middleboro, Mass. Harvard College m. Mary Prince d/o Rev. Thomas Prince (1688-1771)

Ch: Mary (1711-1795) m. Rev. Nathan Stone (2 sons)
Mercy (1713-1745) m. Nathaniel Foster (8 ch.)
REV. PETER[6] (1715-1785) of Attleboro, Mass. m. Bethiah Carpenter d/o Obadiah[7] (9 ch.) Chaplain in Am. Rev.; son, Obadiah, Pvt.
Samuel[6] (1717-1795) Capt. in Am. Rev. (8 ch.) m. 1) Deborah Bennett; 2) 1758 Sarah Kent
Susanna (1719-1776) m. Samuel Tucker (3 ch.)
Thomas (1721-1744) John (1723-1748)
Oxenbridge[6] (1725-1776) Moses (1727-1747) Theodora (1729-1732)

NOTES: CHARLEMAGNE had 5 wives, several mistresses, 18 children.
His ancestry can be traced to Joseph & Mary, and Adam!
Oescendants may join the Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the United states of America.
A hereditary society was formed by Descendants of Barons at Runnymede, and descendants of WILLIAM LONGESPEE may join the Society of Descendants of Illegitimate Sons & Daughters of the Kings of England!
A directory of exsisting societies may be found in public libraries.

NOTE: Descendants of REV. PETER[4] THACHER are eligible for membership in Colonial Dames, Oescendants of Colonial Clergy, Daughters of the Colonists, and if a Revolutionary soldier appears in your line, The Order of Founders & Patriots

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December 20, 1992

Dear Thacher-Thatcher Cousins & Friends,

Our 13th Issue of the THACHER QUARTERLY features Rev. Peter[4] Thacher of Milton, Massachusetts. Take a break from the hustle & bustle of the season to savor the story of this colonial American minister in a quiet moment. Read his story to your grandchildren by the fireside on a wintry night...

Also in this issue we'll touch upon the THACHER-THATCHER Families in America. This topic can become very confusing! We will try our best to be very careful in this discussion.

Enclosed find this year's revision of our THACHER FAMILY Genealogical chart of subscriber's lines of ancestry. Friend of the THACHERS, Dr. James THATCHER Shaw does not appear on our chart. He is a descendant of one of the THATCHER families featured on page 6.

We were hard-pressed for a representation for this issue of the church of Milton. If you travel to New England, why not take along a copy of the T.Q., collect pertinent travel brochures, take photos or stop in at a library in hope of finding new information or illustrations for the newsletter? We'd love to hear from You & appreciate any input from readers!

Anyone with new THACHER records or revisions may write to Cousin Jerry - Gerald A. Corwin, at 866 W. St.Andrews Blvd., Chandler, Arizona 85224, until March 1, 1993 when he will return to Utah. Jerry continues his work on our THACHER COMPUTER RECORD of subscriber's ancestries.

Remember, the SPRING ISSUE 1993 will be the first in the THACHER QUARTERLY's new mailing schedule of Two Issues per year: Spring and Autumn.

Please note your expiration date on your address label, and make subsription renewal checks to Nancy T. Walkowski - (NOT to the T.Q.!)

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May the Season fill your hearts and homes with special Joy and Happiness!

Your Cousin, Nancy

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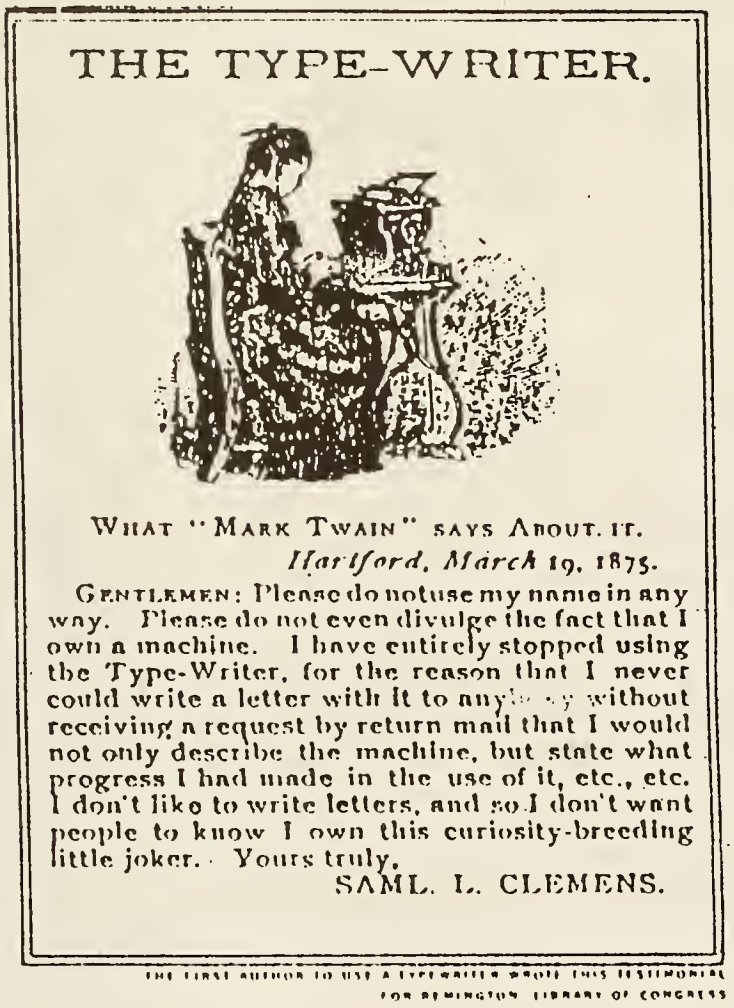

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T.Q. GOES HI-TECH!

In 1986, the editor of the THACHER QUARTERLY, having learned to type fairly well, invested in a new Smith Corona XE-6000 'Electronic' typewriter. This machine has been a faithful friend with some helpful features.

In 1993, the T.Q. will be 'upgraded' with help from our new BROTHER!! 'Brother WP-3400', Word Processor, that is!

The new machine was purchased from a Sears Surplus Store at less than half price!

Examples of its capabilities will be seen in the Spring Issue, 1993.

With optional accessory software, Brother will improve the quality of our newsletter and efficiency of the editor!

Brother has standard disk drive with 240KB storage per disk for unlimited memory and 12" display screen for editing. Daisy print wheels are available for assorted typestyles.

THE NEWS FROM QUEEN CAMEL:

Friend of the THACHER Family, Gordon Moore, retired clerk of St. Barnabas' Church, Queen Camel, Somerset, wrote with news of Cousin Elwood James'! Thacher's latest project.

Elwood "Woody" Thachen has established a trust fund for perpetual care & maintenance of St. Barnabas' Church! The fund is large enough so that the yearly interest will provide for the upkeep of the church.

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If you plan to visit Queen Camel, Mr. Moore hopes you will contact him ahead of your visit and will be happy to meet you there! The former Churchwarden will be sure to make your visit a memorable one!

Christmas Greetings from Queen Camel!

WORLD TRAVELS

Thachen granddaughter, Betty Liitt Tallman of St. Petersburg, Florida

On January 4th, 1993, Thacher Cousin and mother of the editor embarks upon her 5th trip in the past two years!

Over 20 years ago, Betty Liitt Tallman & husband, Ben toured Europe & the British Isles. Their travels included a memorable train trip across Canada and vacations in the Bahamas and Jamaica. They also explored Cape Cod - Thacher Territory!

In 1967 Ben Tallman escorted Four Generations on a two week visit to the island of St. Croix. His guests were Katherine Thacher Liitt (1890-1974), her daughter, Betty Liitt Tallman, granddaughter, Nancy and great granddaughter, Elizabeth 'Kelly', who learned to swim while there!

Since January of 1991, Betty Tallman, now widowed, and Chum, Betty Cherry have toured the Hawaiian Islands and cruised Alaska, cruised to St. Thomas, through the Panama Canal & back to Hawaii, and toured Ireland & Scotland!

The January, 1993 cruise will find the two Bettys in the West Indies & on a journey down the Amazon River to Manaus.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

M I L T O N, M A S S A C H U S E T T S I N 1 7 0 0

Excerpts from "A HISTORY OF MILTON" by Edward Pierce Hamilton

During the previous third of a century, Milton increased considerably in size. A Meeting House had been built at the Centre Street end of Vose's Lane and Rev. Peter Thacher had moved from the old parsonage to his own house near the present Thacher Street at Pine Tree Brook (which became known as 'Thacher's Plain'). Taunton Road extended south beyond the Blue Hills to the town line where it connected with the road to Stoughton. At the lower falls of the Neponset, the powder mill, a fulling mill and a small house or two initiated the growth of Milton Village.

The lack of growth during the previous 40 years was greatly due to King Philip's War, which drove the frontier back to the borders of Milton and discouraged expansion. The Punkapoag Indians remained loyal, but howling savages from the south & west came unpleasantly close to the edges of the town.

A gun powder mill, probably the first in America, was built in 1674 at Milton. The 2nd was built in 1676 at Dorchester, 7 miles from Boston - investors in that venture included the Revs. Thomas Thacher, father of Peter Thacher and John Oxenbridge, his future father-in-law.

A formal church had been established in 1678 and Rev. Peter Thacher was ordained as its minister. The Meeting House was, in 1700, at a convenient central location, but Milton still consisted of a scattering of farmhouses along a country road - about 60 dwellings and perhaps 400 people, mostly hardworking farmers.

For relaxation there were picnics in the Blue Hills and boat trips. Some evenings neighbors dropped in to sing psalms or listen to Rev. Peter Thacher play his "bull fiddle" (viola da gamba) - this was an unusual thing, for most Puritan ministers disapproved of any instrumental music.

By 1700 the "singing" of psalms in services had fallen into a most degenerate state! A deacon would read a line, and then all would sing it, each to his own idea of the tune - this was called "lining out the hymn". Milton's Peter Thacher was one of the leaders in the movement to reform church singing and to make it harmonious - a movement which led to wide dissention in many a congregation!

"Could poor King David but for once
to Salem Church repair,
and hear his psalms thus warbled out
Good Lord, how he would swear!"

By 1779 Milton appears to have had an organized Church choir. But as late as 1846, the new Congregational Church depended upon a bass viol and a seraphine, harsh in tone.

Much has been written about the rigid theocratic control supposedly exercized over the New England town of 200 or more years ago. The minister, retained as moral & spiritual guide for the community was perhaps the only educated gentleman in the area. Trained to be a leader, he chose to serve the community, probably for the rest of his life. He had no ulterior motives. His power stemmed from his personality & leadership and the will of the inhabitants, not by some external theocratic force!

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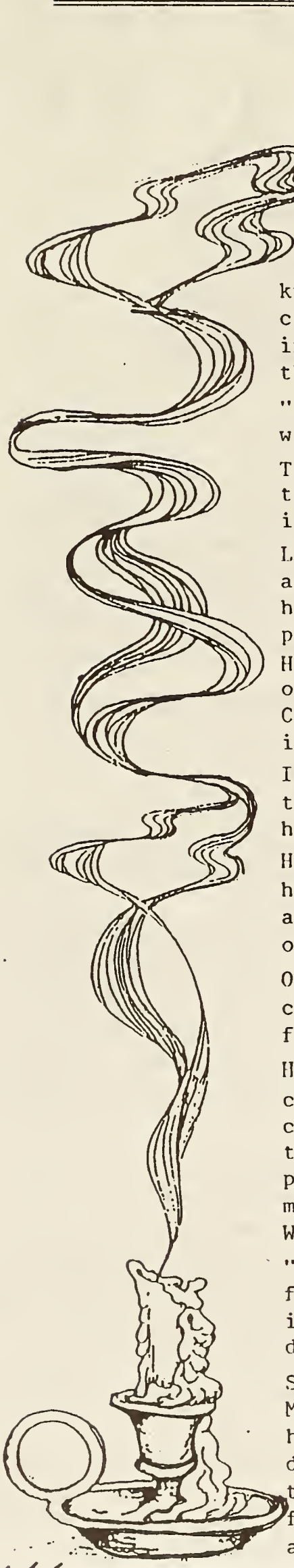


TRIALS OF THE OLD-TIME COUNTRY PARSON

No one person today assumes to possess such a variety of knowledge as did the clergyman of the olden time. He then claimed to be a judge, lawyer, teacher and mechanic all rolled into one! He was expected to settle all the difficulties of the parish, to cure the sick, and to heal the wounded.

"His house was known to all the vagrant train. He chid their wanderings, but healed their pain."

There can be no better example of this generously endowed being than the Rev. Peter Thacher, the first minister who ever settled in Milton, Massachuestts in 1680.

Like Goldsmith's parson, "A man he was to all the country dear, and passing rich with 40 pounds a year. Remote from town he ran his goodly race, nor e'er had changed nor wished to change his place."

He was a son of the Rev. Thomas Thacher, settled for many years over the Old South Church in Boston. He was graduated at Harvard College and was classmate and chum of Judge Sewall, "his most intimate friend through life".

Immediately after graduation he became tutor and then trustee of the college. After spending a year in Europe, he entered upon his ministry at the age of 29.

He was first a candidate for the pulpit at Barnstable, where he had many warm friends but being strongly opposed by Gov. Hinckley, a very contentious individual with whom it was impossible to be on peaceful terms, he accepted a call to the Milton pulpit.

On the day of departure from Barnstable, he was followed by a cavalcade of 57 horses as far as Sandwich. He remained in Milton for the rest of his life, dying after a pastorate of 46 years.

He was in the habit of beginning the day by reading two or three chapters from the Greek Testament and attending to his horse and cow. He could hire no servant on his salary of $350 per year, a third only of which was paid in money, the rest in labor and farm produce. In his diary are entries such as: "Joshua tucker gave me one day's plowing"; "James Vose sent me half a sheep". "Widow Willet gave me a peck of carrots, verily a widow's mite".

"On the Monday of which I speak, he entered his study after performing his duties, charging Mrs. Thacher not to allow him to be interupted. He was obliged to write an ordination sermon to be delivered next day at Danvers and had scant time to complete it.

Soon after his entry to the study a woman visited the kitchen where Mrs. Thacher was busy and begged to see the minister. "I must tell him of a quarrel between Mr. Rawson and Mr. Trescott. Mr. Rawson declares he will go to Boston to get a lawyer to settle it! The trouble is that Mr. Trescott's cows have broken into Mr. Rawson's field, trampling his corn and Mr. Trescott only laughs in his face, and to irritate him still more, the sons of Mr. Trescott hoot after

A Story for a Wintry Night, continues on the following page...

Continued from page 2: him in the road! Mr. Rawson says he will bear it no longer, but will make Mr. Trescott pay for it!"

Mrs. Thacher thought she would take courage to open Mr. Thacher's study door to tell him of the hostile attitudes of his two neighbors. Mr. Thacher looked up from his sermon, saying he was going to make a prayer at a house-raising that afternoon and would call at Mr. Rawson's on the way.

He resumed the thread of his discourse when left to himself and was growing very vehement over the sins of the Jews, when a man entered the kitchen in a great excitement and demanded to see Mr. Thacher. His wife protested against interupting him. "But, Lem Gulliver's cow is terrible sick!" said the man. "She is stretched on the ground and cannot be moved and they are afraid she is dying! She is a good milker and a nice cow and Mr. Thacher must go and cure her! The horsedoctor cannot find out what is the matter!"

Mrs. Thacher again opened the study door. Mr. Thacher promised to visit the cow on his way to the house-raising and again composed himself to his work.

But he was soon interupted a third time by his wife with a sad story of a man from Canton, hauling a load of potash kettles to Boston and the heavy weight had broken his axle and the poor fellow's cart was stuck fast in the mud. The parson said the man must put his own shoulder to the wheel before he could obtain help from him. He sent word that he could find a box of tools in the barn and behind the house was a young hickory tree. He could take the rule and measure the stick for another axle, and by the time the axle was ready he would be on hand to help put the wheel onto it.

Then Mr. Thacher continued his sermon in blissful peace til 12 o'clock when he was called to dinner, after which he set out for the house-raising.

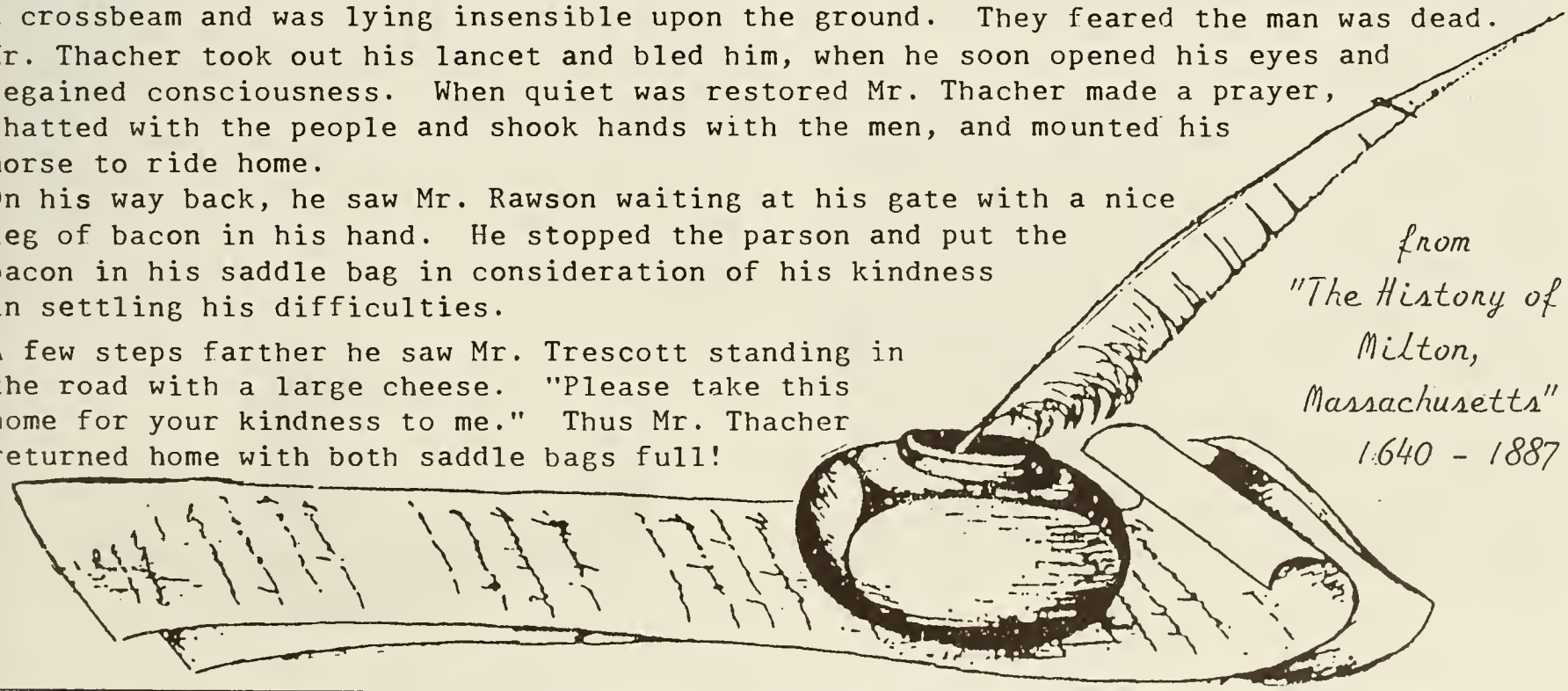
On his way, he called at Mr. Rawson's, who showed him the hills of corn badly trampled down by Mr. Trescott's cows. The minister crossed the road to beg Mr. Trescott to come out to look at the damage. The sight of Mr. Thacher's kindly face softened the heart of Mr. Trescott who went to look at the downtrodden corn. After due deliberation, it was decided that fair compensation - a pistereen (20¢), a good deal of money in those days, would make good Mr. Rawson's loss. The disputants then shook hands and were friends.

Mr. Thacher soon after reached the prostrate cow, where quite a crowd had gathered and all were powerless to help the poor creature. Mr. Thacher saw that the cow might be fit for the beef-barrell, but would would never walk again. He ordered a stout stick to pry up the animal, and found the foreleg to be broken. The cow was ordered killed and Mr. Thacher proceeded on his way to the house-raising.

There, he met a crowd in great consternation over the body of a man who had fallen from a crossbeam and was lying insensible upon the ground. They feared the man was dead. Mr. Thacher took out his lancet and bled him, when he soon opened his eyes and regained consciousness. When quiet was restored Mr. Thacher made a prayer, chatted with the people and shook hands with the men, and mounted his horse to ride home.

On his way back, he saw Mr. Rawson waiting at his gate with a nice leg of bacon in his hand. He stopped the parson and put the bacon in his saddle bag in consideration of his kindness in settling his difficulties.

A few steps farther he saw Mr. Trescott standing in the road with a large cheese. "Please take this home for your kindness to me." Thus Mr. Thacher returned home with both saddle bags full!



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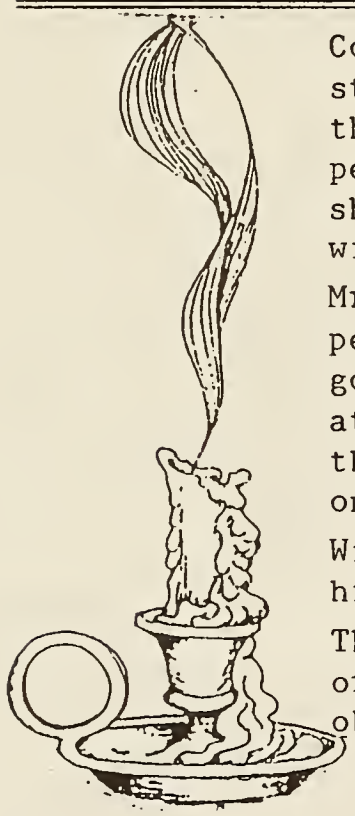


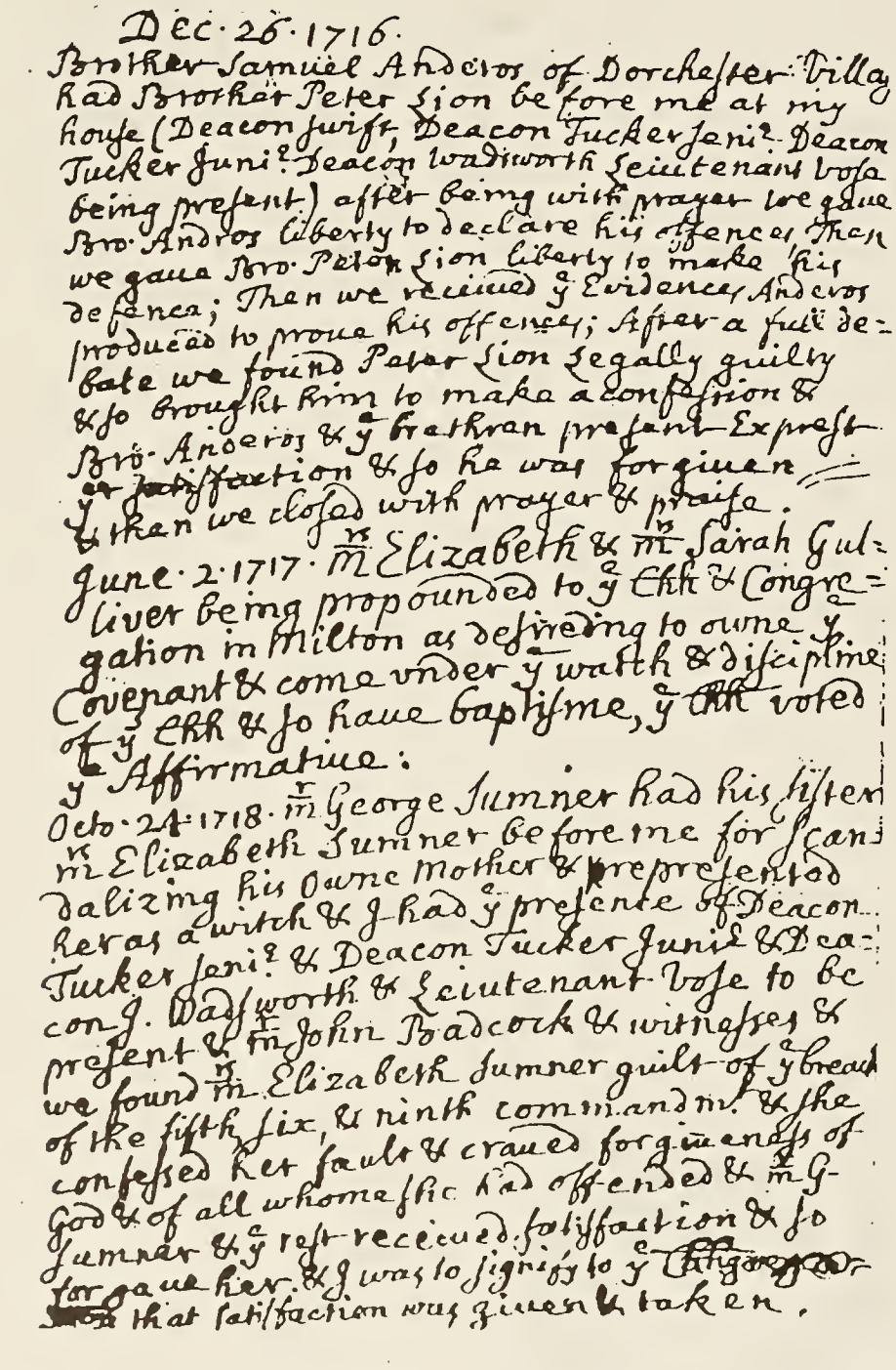
Conclusion: When Mr. Thacher reached his house, he met his wife a few steps from the door. She was saddened in spirits over the arrival of the ministers from Stoughton and Randolph, for there was nothing for supper and she was in despair. "Milk and eggs are all I have in the house", she declared. Mr. Thacher replied, "The eggs fried with this nice bacon will make an excellant supper added to the milk and this cheese!"

Mrs. Thacher entered the house with a light heart, and after a good supper, the parson closeted himself to complete his sermon. But just as he got to his ninthly, the man who had made the new axle impatiently rapped at his door, saying that he was waiting for Mr. Thacher to help finish the repairs to his cart. The minister hastened to assist, got the cart onto the wheels and cheered the man on his way to Boston!

Without further interruption, the good man was enabled to proceed with his sermon up to its thirteenly!

The next day the three ministers cheerfully set out for Danvers and the ordination sermon seemed all the richer and more flowing for all the many obstacles! The minister indeed was one who was

"In his duty prompt at every call; He watched and wept;
He pray'd and felt for all".



Dec. 26. 1716.
Brother Samuel Anderos of Dorchester Villa
had Brother Peter Lion before me at my
house (Deacon Swift, Deacon Tucker Seni. Deacon
Tucker Juni. Deacon Wadsworth Leiutenant Vose
being present) after being with prayer we gaue
Bro. Andros liberty to declare his offences, Then
we gaue Bro. Peter Lion liberty to make his
defence; Then we receiued ye Evidences Anderos
produced to proue his offences; After a full de-
bate we found Peter Lion Legally guilty
& so brought him to make a confession &
Bro. Anderos & ye brethren present Exprest
ye satisfaction & so he was forgiuen
& then we closed with prayer & praise.
June. 2. 1717. mrs Elizabeth & mrs Sarah Gul-
liver being propounded to ye Chh & Congre-
gation in Milton as desireding to owne ye
Covenant & come vnder ye watch & discipline
of ye Chh & so haue baptisme, ye Chh voted
ye Affirmatiue:
Octo. 24. 1718. mr George Sumner had his sister
mrs Elizabeth Sumner before me for scan-
dalizing his Owne Mother & represented
her as a witch & I had ye presence of Deacon
Tucker Seni. & Deacon Tucker Juni. & Dea-
con J. Wadsworth & Leiutenant Vose to be
present & mr John Badcock & witnesses &
we found mrs Elizabeth Sumner guilt of ye breach
of the fifth, six, & ninth commandm. & she
confessed her fault & craued forgiueness of
God & of all whome she had offended & mr G.
Sumner & ye rest receiued satisfaction & so
forgaue her. & I was to signify to ye Chh
that satisfaction was giuen & taken.

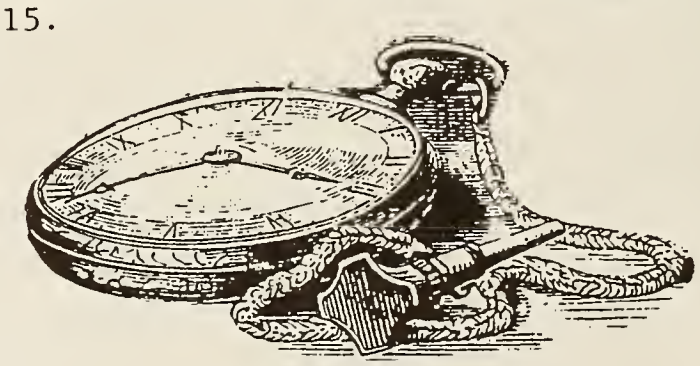
PAGE OF RECORDS OF MILTON CHURCH
The handwriting is that of Rev. Peter Thacher.

The Watch of Peter Thacher of Milton

PETER THACHER visited England in 1676 and was presented with a gold watch by Thomas Planner of London, member of the guild of goldsmiths. Unlike most watches, it has never been bought or sold! It was passed down to the Thachers of Attleboro until Peter Thacher of Cleveland, Ohio (later of Lake Mary, Florida) presented it to the Bostonian Society in the Old Statehouse, Boston, who still later deposited the watch with the Milton Historical Society, the present owners. The society's collection is housed in the Milton Room of the Milton Public Library and includes the watch, a typed copy of the Journal of Rev. Peter Thacher, a Thacher Family file and "other items in a box".

The Watch is thicker than modern pocket-watches, and has unusual numbers. It is engraved: "Tho:Planner, 319 London".

The original Journal of Rev. Peter Thacher (Vol. I 1678-1682 & Vol. 2 1682-1699), is in possession of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1154 Boylston St, Boston, MA 02215.



 Rev. Peter[5] Thacher of Middleboro, Mass., son of Rev. Peter[4], will appear in a future issu

REV. PETER[2] THACHER was born at Queen Camel, Somerset, in 1657/8 where he lived until 1602, when he entered Queen's College at Oxford. In 1603 he entered Corpus Christi College, at Oxford. In 1610, the illustrious Dr. John Reynolds, for many years President of Corpus Christi College and who died in 1607, willed a number of books from his extensive library among some of the undergraduates on account of their merit as students. We find that Peter[2] Thacher was presented with 35 volumes, a larger number than any other in the will except for two nephews.

The interesting part is that Rev. Peter[2] Thacher of St. Edmunds Church in Salisbury left in HIS will all of his library to his son, Rev. Thomas[3] Thacher then (1640) in New England.

Among the long list of books thus bequeathed, became part of the Library of Rev. Thomas[3] Thacher of Old South Church in Boston, were found a number bearing inscriptions showing them to have been presented to Rev. Peter[2] Thacher by the executors of Dr. Reynold's will.

Schedule Annexed to Will: "Given to my sonn Thomas Thatcher, theis bookes following (vizt)" Here follows a list of some 117 volumes, the titles recorded in Latin, which books finally found their way to this country and into the hands of Rev. Thomas [3] Thacher, then of Weymouth, Mass., and subsequently of Old South Church, Boston.

Here we may remember that Elizabeth(Partridge) Thacher, Thomas' first wife had inherited her father's library of some 400 volumes which came into the possession of her husband after her death. (c1660)

Perhaps one of the largest libraries of all of the 'Learned Puritan Divines' in New England was left by Rev. Thomas[3] Thacher to his son, Rev. Peter[4] Thacher of Milton, Mass. His library was valued by Increase Mather and John Usher at &110 and consisted of 16 volumes in folio, 120 volumes in quarto, 13 volumes in octavo and a considerable number of small books.

REV THOMAS[3] THACHER died Oct. 15, 1678, leaving behind him descendants whose names are familiar through a century of colonial records. He was supposed to have been buried in Sheaffe's tomb in Kings Chapel, Boston, burying ground but there is no inscription.

By 1680 REV. PETER[4]THACHER was settled at Milton. He built his home in an Indian cornfield, later known as 'Thacher's Plain'. He acquired enough of the Indian language to propagate the gospel among the natives in Milton and Punkapoag. A further example of his work is found in a Letter published 1721 in the form of a broadside to procure funds for erection of a church at Providence.

He was proposed 1723 as vice-president of Harvard under John Leverett, but failing health forced him to decline.

In theological teaching he followed the Calvinistic doctrine with slight modification. Among his sermons "Unbelief Detected and Condemned"(1708) and "The Alsufficient Physician" (1711) best charactarize the orthodoxy of his theological belief.

A pamphlet entitled "An Essay Preached by Several Ministers of the Gospel...concerning the Singing of Psalms"(1723), written by Thacher and the Danforth brothers, justifies psalm-singing in church, an important issue in Thacher's time. The authors defend the practice but stipulate that "Irregular, Jarring, Disorderly Singing becomes not the House and Worship of God." Such scattered sermons as were published hardly give representative testimony to the work of a preacher who labored well in the Milton parish for nearly half a century.

After forty-six years of service as pastor of the Milton Church, he died in Dec. of 1727. His funeral sermon by Rev. Cotton Mather was entitled: "The Comfortable Chambers open and visited upon the departure of that aged and faithful servant of God, Mr. Peter Thacher, never to be forgotten Pastor of Milton, who made his flight thither, December 17, 1727."

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"THOMAS THACHER, (1620-1678), THE BOSTON BRANCH" vol. 1, pgs. 143-44, & 233-34 by Elwood James[11] Thacher of Winter Haven, Florida.

"OUR CHURCHES" will continue in the next issue "On Martha's Vineyard".

Excerpts from the "THACHER-THATCHER GENEALOGY" by John Reynolds Totten, an article printed in the July, 1910 RECORD of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society:

ORIGIN OF THE NAME

"The early husbandman's cottage roof was invariably composed of thack or thatch, and every village had its thatcher. The Thacher-Thatcher family surname is an example of one bestowed upon the bearer on account of the nature of his occupation.

The Hundred Roll forms of the name are le Thacher and le Thachere. Later forms included Thacker, Thackery, Thatcher and Thaxter.

It is highly improbable that all of the variations sprang from one common ancestor. It is more probable that the numerous groups came into independent existense in separate parts of England, possibly in simultaneous periods of English history.

From an English Gravemarker Inscription:

In Memory of THOMAS THETCHER,
a Grenadier in the North Regiment of the Hants Militia, who died of a violent Fever contracted by drinking 'Small Beer' when hot, the 12th of May, 1764, aged 26 years. In grateful remembrance of whose universal goodwill towards comrads, this Stone is placed here at their expence as a small testimony of their regard and concern.

"Here sleeps in peace a Hampshire Grenadier
Who caught his death by drinking small Beer
Soldiers be wise from his untimely fall
And when ye'er hot drink strong or none at all."

This memorial being decayed was restored by the Officers of the Garrison, A.D. 1781.

"An honest soldier is ne'er forgot
Whether he die by the musket or by the Pot"

THE THACHER-THATCHER FAMILIES IN AMERICA

1. REV. PETER THACHER of St. Barnabas' Church, Queen Camel, Somerset and his children all signed their names using the THACHER spelling. Many legal documents recording their names as 'THATCHER' were transcribed in error. In America, descendants of Anthony Thacher, progenitor of the Yarmouth Branch, and of his nephew, Rev. Thomas Thacher, progenitor of the Boston Branch kept the THACHER form of the name. Subsequent to 1700 with westward expansion, some isolated branches inserted the middle 't' in the name. There are instances where one brother spelled his name THACHER and another, THATCHER!

2. The branch of the THATCHER family represented by the descendants of SAMUEL THATCHER of Watertown, Mass. have always spelled their name with the middle 't'. This SAMUEL THATCHER appears in Watertown as a freeman in 1642. His origin is not known and he is in no way related to the Yarmouth and the Boston THACHERS, nor any other group in America.

3. The Pennsylvania THATCHERS represented by the descendants of RICHARD THATCHER and Joane his wife, who first appeared in America in 1685 from Uffington, County Berks, England. They were a distinctly Quaker family who have always spelled their name THATCHER. From this line are the West Virginia THATCHERS and more recently, the Utah THATCHERS, prominent in the Mormon hierarchy.

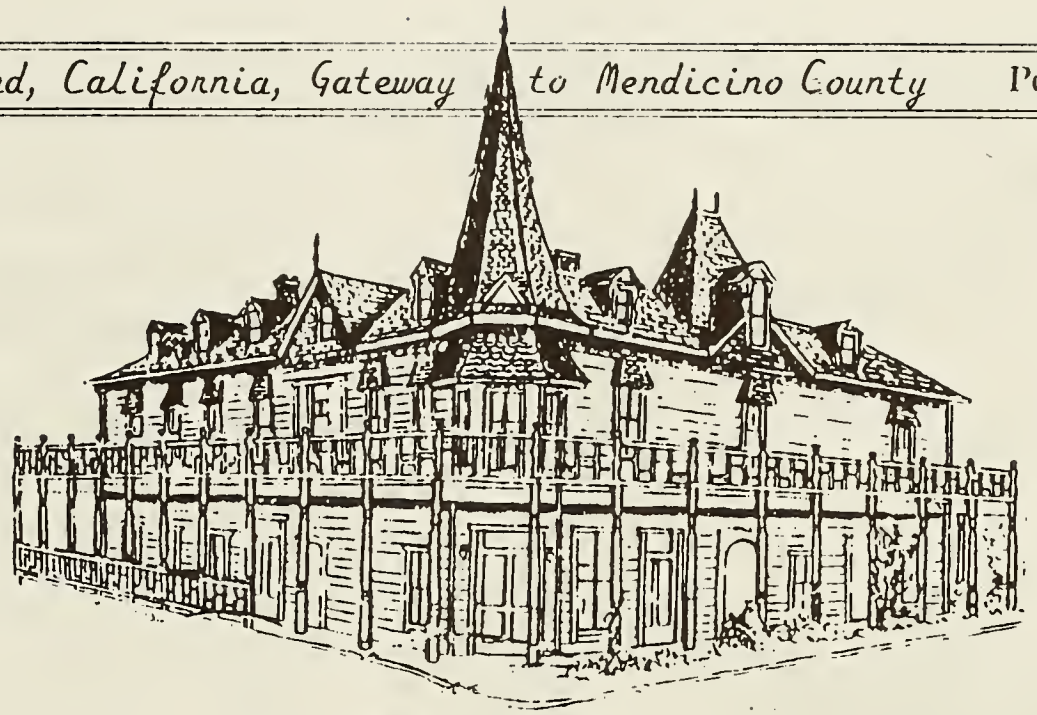
4. The New Jersey THATCHERS, apparently a group separate and distinct from the Pennsylvania family, seem to have had their origin in this country in Hunterdon County, N.J., have always spelled their name 'THATCHER'.

5. A few smaller groups of comparatively recent arrival in this country seem all to spell their name 'THATCHER'.

From the foregoing we see that the only THATCHER-THACHER family in America which uses the THACHER spelling is that of the Yarmouth and Boston descendants of Anthony Thacher and Rev. Thomas Thacher. All of the others invariably spell their name 'THATCHER'. Together, the latter far outnumbers the former. The following shows how one THACHER daughter changed the spelling:

On Oct. 22, 1882 Jessie Thacher (1857-1928) married Horace C.Thatcher (1849-1887).

The Story of Our Thacher-Thatcher Families in America will be continued...



THE THATCHER INN

The Thatcher Inn, originally named the Thatcher Hotel was built in 1890 by W. W. Thatcher to accommodate stage coach travelers and passengers on the newly constructed railroad.

Sarah Thatcher's grand niece spent many weeks at the Thatcher Hotel as a child in the early 1900's. The following is her description of the hotel at the turn of the century: "The Thatcher Hotel was a stage coach hotel until about 1916. The coach horses were kept in the barn behind the hotel on the other side of the railroad tracks. In those days there was no running water or electricity. The halls were illuminated by gas lamps and the rooms were lit with kerosene lamps from candles supplied to the guests. Water was carried to the rooms in pitchers from a well powered by a windmill in the rear yard."

Pomo Indians worked at the hotel tending the vegetable gardens & livestock that provided food for the dining room. Mrs. Thatcher had a fine collection of Indian blankets. Her son, Evan Thatcher had a hardware store across the street which has since been destroyed by fire.

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The West Parish Church

CONGREGATIONAL

West Barnstable, Massachusetts

The names, JOHN LOTHROP and ANTHONY THACHER appear together in early Yarmouth and Barnstable records.

It was Henry Jacob who coined the name "Congregational" for the new faith, and his was the first church to be so called. Today, the congregation in Barnstable claims to be the first Congregational church to have been created.

It had been Henry Jacob's intent that his church should remain in England, but this was not to be. On April 29, 1632, John Lothrop (Jacob's successor as pastor) and the other members of the church were meeting secretly for worship in the home of Humphrey Barnet. Officers of the King surrounded the house and arrested the entire congregation, which was then imprisoned. In the summer of 1634, upon intercession of the Bishop of Lambeth, King Charles released Lothrop on condition that he be banished from England. September of the same year saw the arrival of Lothrop and thirty members of the Southwark church at Boston. They settled at Barnstable and maintained the church that exists today.

REV. JOHN LOTHROP brought four sons to America in in 1634: Thomas who settled at Plymouth, Samuel at Norwich, CT, Joseph at Barnstable & Benjamin at Charlestown, MA. Barnabas & John, both of Barnstable were sons of a 2nd marriage. He died 1653.

On May 31, 1722, ANN^{4}THACHER (1697-1756) a granddaughter of ANTHONY^{2}THACHER through his son, COL. JOHN^{3}THACHER, married JOHN LOTHROP (1699-1752) who was born at Barnstable, (perhaps a grand or more likely great grandson of REV. JOHN LOTHROP. He was a son of Hope Lothrop (1671-1734/36 & Elizabeth , daughter of Meletiah & Sarah (Farrar) Lothrop. JOHN LOTHROP's parents resided at Barnstable and Tolland, CT. He purchased land at Tolland in 1726. John & Ann (Thacher) Lothrop had 8 children. Son, THACHER^{5}LOTHROP (1734-1806) was a soldier in the American Revolution. Youngest child, Elizabeth^{5}, born 1740 married Soloman Wills - they were ancestors of Gerald Armstrong Corwin of Salt Lake City, Utah.

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"Jerry" Corwin wishes you a Merry Christmas from Arizona where he will spend most of his winter. He now claims to have compiled 800 THACHER Family Group Sheets, some several pages long - or about a mile of paper!

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In January of 1993, Elwood James[11] Thacher of Winter Have, Florida, received an honorary Scroll of Recognition from the officers and the members of St. Barnabas' Church Queen Camel, Somerset, England, Rector, Rev. B. Lyn Morris, The Parish Council, Peter J.R. Oxley, Chairman, and R.J. Giles, Parrish Clerk, Church Wardens, C.H. Knight, and Gordon Moore.

TO

ELWOOD J. THACHER

OF

Winter Haven, Florida, United States of America

FROM

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET, ENGLAND

--- GREETINGS ---

Be it known that the members of St. Barnabas Church and the Officers of the Parish Council record their appreciation of your outstanding generosity to the Parish of your ancestor, Reverend Peter Thacher
--- Vicar of this Church from 1574 to 1624. ---

The Cobbled Paths, Thacher Memorial Chapel and the Elwood J. Thacher Trust are permanent reminders of
--- our sincere benefactor and friend. ---

You, sir, have forged a strong link between your vast country and this small parish in England.
--- May that bond ever grow in strength. ---

St. Barnabas Church

B Lyn Morris
Rector

Churchwarden

Churchwarden

The Parish Council

Peter J.R. Oxley
Chairman

R.J. Giles
Clerk

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Dated this twenty-sixth day of January in the year Nineteen hundred and ninety three.

NANCY TALLMAN WALKOWSKI
4611 BALFOUR
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48224

April 1, 1993

Dear Thacher Cousins & Friends,

The story of RALPH THACHER (1648-1733) was begun in our summer Issue 11, 1992 on page 3. There we told of his time in Duxbury, Mass. and listed his nine children born during that period of his life. He was the middle son of Rev. Thomas Thacher of Old South Church, Boston, and elder brother of Rev. Peter Thacher of Milton, featured in our last issue, Winter, 1992, No. 13.

In our 14th issue the Thacher Quarterly take pleasure in presenting RALPH THACHER of Chilmark on the island of Martha's Vineyard where he served from 1694 to 1714.

This issue was compiled during Michigan's February blizzards, and your "Dear Cousins' letter was written in March overlooking sunny Tampa Bay,Florida! In between, we enjoyed correspondence with the Dukes County Historical Society on Martha's Vineyard, Mass. - librarian, Ann C. Allen, and Mrs. Catherine Merwin Mayhew, researcher for the Dukes County Genealogical Society. The Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce also sent their very complete Visitor's Guide.

Your editor has a second reason for interest in Martha's Vineyard! My first Tallman ancestor to arrive in America about 1650 via the island of Barbados, West Indies, purchased Holmes Hole about 1664, which is called Vineyard Haven today!

As you will read in this issue, Gov. Mayhew favored complete fairness in dealings with the native Indian population of the island. It seems that PETER TALLMAN (1623-1708) of Newport, Rhode Island, purchased Indian rights to Holmes Hole Neck contrary to Gov. Mayhew's ideas! Through Gov. Mayhew's opposition, Tallman lost his claim and this was his last connection with the island. The entire incident caused a vast amount of trouble to Gov. Mayhew in disestablishing the tenants installed by Tallman at Holmes Hole Neck. This episode is featured in Charles Edward Banks' 1911 "History of Martha's Vineyard, Dukes County, Massachusetts".

Martha's Vineyard is a fascinating place! The island seems almost like a tiny country with its varied landscape, unique history and residents so independent that they once threatened to secede from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts if they could not have their own representation! Today Dukes County is comprised of the island of Martha's Vineyard, the Elizabeth Islands and No-Man's Land island. I hope readers will enjoy our visit!

Meantime, we have heard from Ms Cynthia A. Peckham of the Sandy Bay Historical Society & Museum at Rockport, Massachusetts. Ms Peckham wrote to tell me about a box of Thacher-Thatcher records and photos deposited with the society, which is interested only in local records. The family in these photos resided in Wilmington, Delaware, spelled their name "Thatcher" and recorded the story of Rev. Thomas Thacher of Old South Church, Boston and also the ship wreck on Thacher's Island. These items were received through several individuals and an antique dealer! (See QUERIES, page 10.)

Our special insert from THE DIAL OF THE OLD SOUTH CLOCK, Spring 1993, Vol. 5, Issue 1, pages 1 and 8 contains exciting news of the renovation and restoration of Old South Meeting House in Lynn Betlock's "Uncovering Old South's Past".

The following "In Memorium" page is a tribute to three Thacher descendants: E. Howard Thacher, Boston Branch; John Woodbridge Thacher, Yarmouth Branch (T.Q. subscriber) and Kathleen May (Liitt) Kropen, editor's maternal aunt, Boston Branch.

Until we meet again in the Autumn Issue, I am

Your Cousin, Nancy

I N M E M O R I U M

E. Howard Thacher
(1921-1990)
of Buckley, Washington
Boston Branch

E. HOWARD THACHER

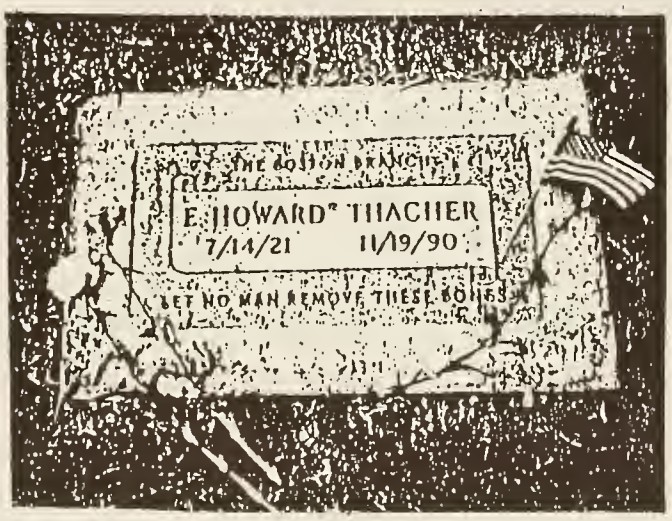
E. Howard Thacher, 69, a Buckley resident for 25 years, died Nov. 19, 1990, in Buckley.

Born July 14, 1921, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, he was a truck driver for Oak Harbor Freight Lines, retiring in 1982. He was a member of Local 741 of Seattle; the Sons of the American Revolution, and was a research consultant for Thacher Quarterly Newspaper.

He is survived by a son, Michael C. Thacher of Enumclaw; a daughter, Kathryn M. Neal of Kent; two grandchildren, Jason Stone of Kent and Jake Thacher of Enumclaw.

Services were Friday at Weeks' Whitmore Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Walter Berggren officiating. Burial was in Riverton Crest Cemetery in Seattle.

Memorials are suggested to the Buckley Aid Car, P.O. Box D, Buckley. Weeks' Whitmore Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Cousin Howard Thacher was, first & foremost, the inspiration for our "Thacher Quarterly" news letter. He represented the Thacher Family in America serving as Contact Person in St. Barnabas Church's "Buy-a-Cobble" project. He joined SAR with Revolutionary ancestor John Oxenbridge Thacher.

Son, Michael C. Thacher
23516 S. E. 392nd St.
Enumclaw, WA 98022

John Woodbridge Thacher
(1920-1992)
of Nunn, Colorado
Yarmouth Branch

John W. Thacher

John W. Thacher, 72, Nunn, died Friday, Oct. 9, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Cheyenne, Wyo.

He was born May 26, 1920, in Columbus, Ohio, to Edward Strode and Virginia Dent (van Swearingen) Thacher Jr.

Mr. Thacher was reared and educated in Pickaway County, Ohio, and graduated from Jackson Township High School in 1939. He entered the Army Oct. 8, 1940, and served in the South Pacific for 39 months during World War II. He was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two bronze stars, the American Defense Service Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star and a Good Conduct Medal. He was discharged in 1945. He then entered the Air Force in 1952 and was discharged in 1956. He lived in California and was operations officer for R.G. Wallace Co., an aircraft components manufacturing firm in Culver City. He retired in 1982 and moved to Nunn.

He was a direct descendant of Thomas Worthington, who was Ohio's fifth governor and the first U.S. senator from Ohio. Mr. Thacher's great-great-grandfather was James van Swearingen, who built Fort Dearborn, located at what is now the city of Chicago.

Mr. Thacher was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Survivors are two sisters, Virginia T. Brown of Miami and Jeanne T. Turner of Nunn; and numerous nieces and nephews. A sister, Ann M. Brainerd, and two brothers, Edward S. III and James B., are deceased.

Graveside inernment will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mountain View Cemetery, Nunn, with military honors by the Harold "Huck" Hensley Post No. 4334, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ault.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Adamson Mortuary, 827 5th St., Greeley 80631.

Sister, Jeanne Turner
49500 Weld County Rd. 31
Nunn, Colorado 80648

Kathleen Mae (Liitt) Kropen
(1917-1993)
Granddaughter of C.W. Thacher
Boston Branch

KAY KROPEN left, with mother Katy Thacher Liitt 1890-1974 & sister, Betty Tallman.

Kathleen Kropen

Kathleen Mae Kropen, 75, Sun City, Ariz., formerly of Rock Island, died Friday, Jan. 1, 1993, in Sun City.

Services were held in Phoenix, Ariz. Brown's Colonial Mortuary, Phoenix, was in charge of arrangements.

The former Kathleen Liitt was born May 26, 1917, in Rock Island, the daughter of Richard and Katherine Thatcher Liitt. She married Ralph Kropen.

Mrs. Kropen was a homemaker.

She was a member of Fountain of Life Lutheran Church, Sun City.

Survivors include the widower; daughters, Barbara Crede, Virginia, Ill., and Jacqueline Meyer, Carmichael, Calif.; five grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and a sister, Elizabeth Tallman, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Daughter, Barbara Crede
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THACHER QUARTERLY

No. 14, SPRING-SUMMER, 1993, featuring Rev. Ralph[4] Thachen of Chilmark

MARTHA'S VINEYARD

The fruitful, sea-girt domain

Many, many moons before the white man discovered the relaxing peace and resort joys of the Vineyard, others found the island in the Sound good. In legendary days nothing but the waters stretched empty and endless to the sea. This was in the time of Maushop, the good giant. So wide of girth and tall was he, no wigwam could be his home. He lived and roamed out under the stars and moon. In the chill and frost of the winter nights he would often wake and find that the cold had crept within the bearskins that were wrapped about him. Then it was that he would arise and warm himself by jumping across and up and down Cape Cod. The heat of summer was so oppressive that Maushop found it impossible to fill the night hours with sleep. Then it was that he twisted and turned, fidgeted and burrowed high and low; thus dunes were formed. Awaking one morning from such a restless night, he discovered his moccasins buried deep and brimful of sand. Impatiently, he unearthed them. Impatiently, he tossed their contents out upon the waters. Sand from his left shoe made Nantucket, from his right Martha's Vineyard came into being.

"We sought Refuge and so sailed to drop anchor at the Vinyard: that Haven, that Gem, that small piece of Paradise allowed to mortals."

AN ISLAND IN THE STREAMS

Five miles out to sea from Woods Hole, Mass., lies the island of Martha's Vineyard which the Indians called Noeppe, meaning "amid the waters".

In 1602, the English explorer, Bartholomew Grosnold noted the beauty of the island, and its handsome, peaceful and well-mannered native Indians, and named the island Martha's Vineyard after the wild grapevines and one of his daughters..

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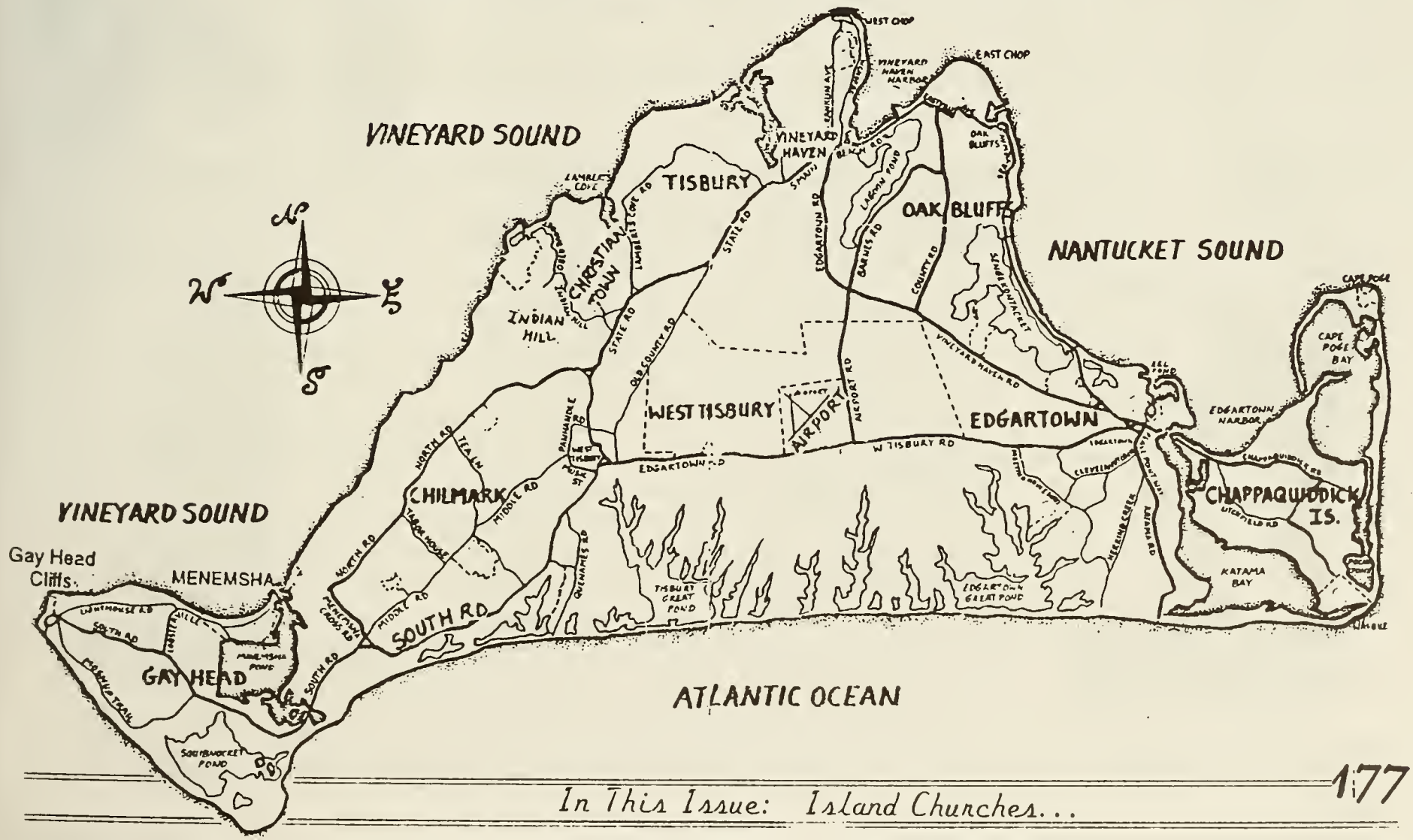
DUKES COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS



In This Issue: Island Churches...

With hills, valleys and flat plains dotted with ponds, the island is reknowned for the beauty of its varied landscape and the individual character of its six towns.

A boulder strewn ridge along the north shore extends to the high, rolling hills of the western tip of the of the island. Woodlands of flat midland plains reach down to wind-swept beaches on the south shore, warmed by the gulf stream. Four superb harbors are sculpted into the Vineyard Sound side of the island. The sea and winds have shaped its contours and molded its human history since the arrival of the first white settlers in 1642.

The first of "The Missionary Mayhews" (formerly of Watertown, Mass., and originally from Wiltshire, England), were active in converting the island's Indians to Christianity. Young Rev. Thomas Mayhew Jr., by example and precept instituted a policy of respect and fair dealing with the native Island People, the Wampanoags, that was unequalled anywhere. From this time onward, the settlers and the Indians lived without the terror and blood-shead which marked American history elsewhere. His Indian congregation was established at what is still known as Christiantown and the colonial period was marked by peace and plenty.

With the coming of the American Revolution, Vineyarders rallied to the Patriot cause. Today a plaque on the flag pole of the Vineyard Haven D.A.R. Museum was placed in 1898 by the Sea Coast Defense Chapter, D.A.R. to commemorate the patriotism of Polly Daggett, Parnel Mantor and Maria Allen who in 1776 destroyed a Liberty Pole to prevent its capture by the British for use as a ship's mast.

In 1778 a British fleet of 40 ships sailed into Vineyard Haven Harbor, burned many island vessels and removed more than 10,000 sheep and 300 head of cattle. This was an economic loss that affected the next generations. The whaling industry did not recover until the 1820's when ship captains began to build huge homes overlooking Edgartown Harbor.

Islander's exceptional sense of independence comes from their history of struggle with and mastery of the sea in those days when whaling brought great wealth to the island. About the time of the decline of the whaling industry, after the Civil War, the tourist industry began and Martha's Vineyard found its place in the modern world.

The new industry was a "God-Send"! In the summer of 1835, Edgartown Methodists held a camp meeting in an oak grove, high on the northern bluffs. This became a yearly event, at the Wesleyan Grove Camp Meeting Ground which later became "Cottage City" and today is the Oak Bluffs resort area.

The 9 by 20 mile island has a year round population of about 9000 which swells to 50,000 during the summer!

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In The Autumn Issue: Join us back on the Mainland at Middleborrough, Mass.!

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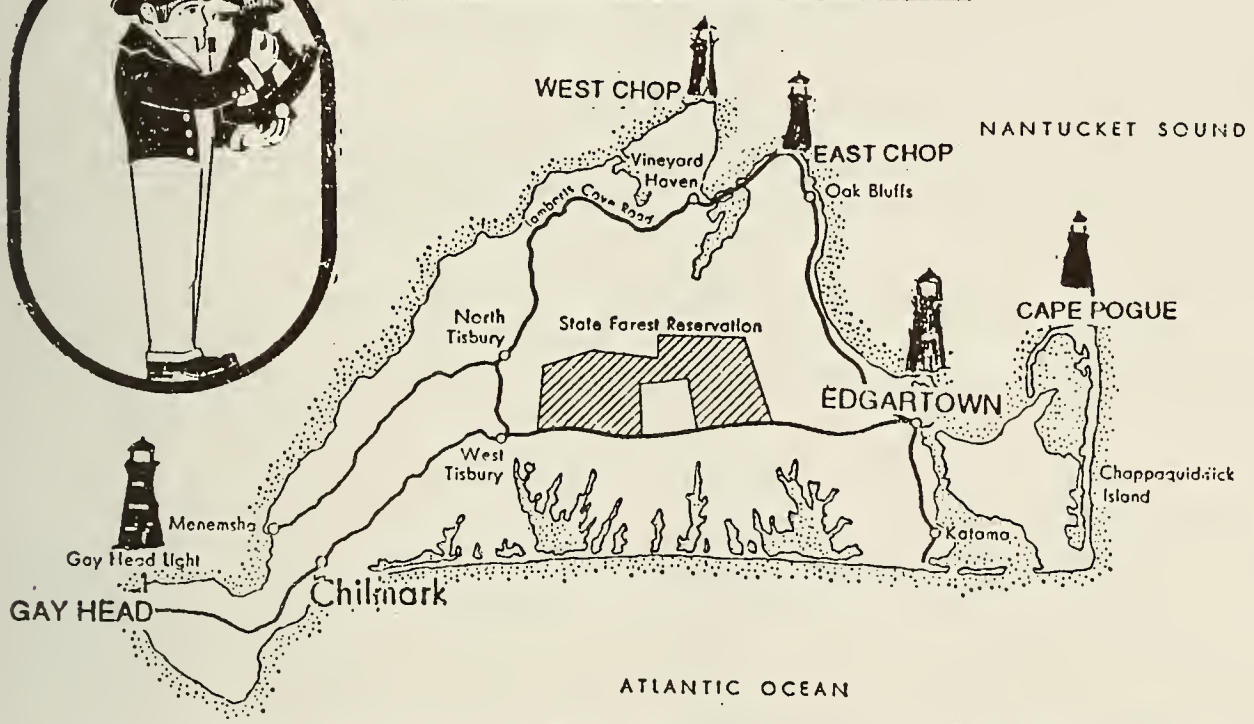
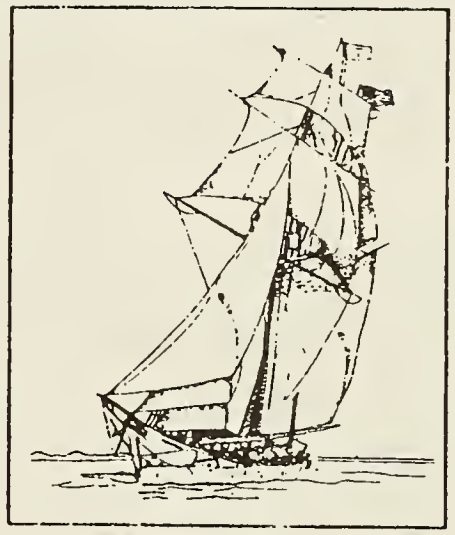
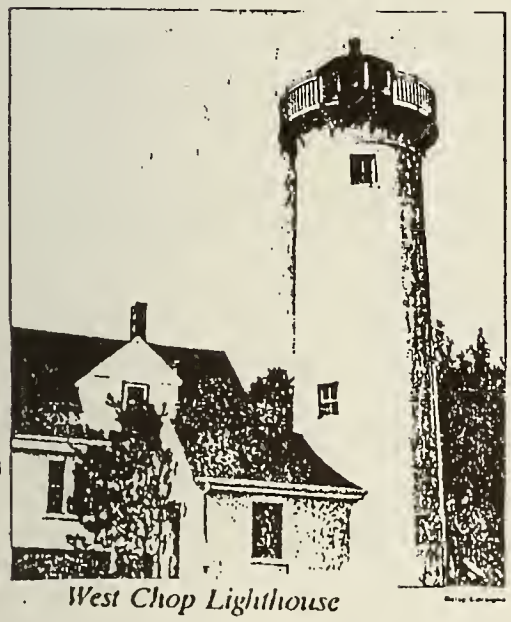




East Chop Lighthouse

THE ISLAND OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD



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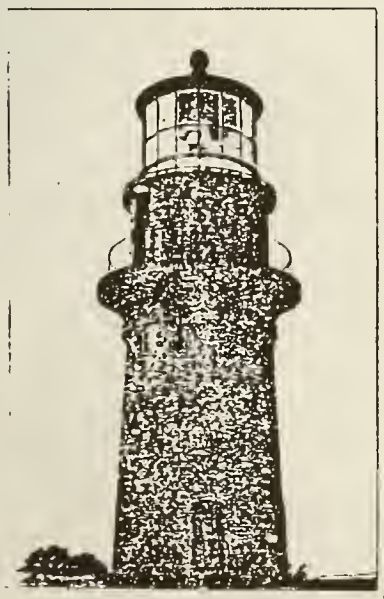


Gay Head Lighthouse

LIGHTHOUSE ISLANDS

Thacher family descendants share an affinity for lighthouse islands, in view of their ancestor's early history in America.

For on a rocky island off Cape Ann, Mass. in the storm of Aug.14, 1635, Anthony & Elizabeth Thacher's 5 children, their cousin Rev. John Avery, his wife & 6 children perished when their craft was destroyed in the tempest.

The island was granted to sole survivors, Anthony & his wife and thereafter called Thacher's Island. In 1771 the island's Twin Lights were erected.

Rev. Ralph[4]Thacher of Chilmark of early island history, was a son of Anthony[2]Thacher's nephew, Rev. Thomas[3] Thacher of Old South in Boston.

Martha's Vineyard could almost be compared to a small country, self-sufficient unto itself!

Imagine our excitement over the prospect of visiting a FIVE-Lighthouse-Island!

The Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc., Box 736, Rockport, MA 01966

/Address from YANKEE, Jan. 1987

Cape Pogue Lighthouse

Edgartown Lighthouse

'UP ISLAND' and "DOWN ISLAND': These terms are commonly used in giving directions on Martha's Vineyard. Going east to west is Up Island, and west to east is Down Island. The explanation relates to navigation where sailors moved up or down the degrees of longitude toward or away from the Greenwich Prime Meridian. (FODOR'S p. 170)

THE SEVEN TOWNS OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

DOWN ISLAND (East end): OAK BLUFFS, formerly Cottage City, the island's First Resort. Here we find perhaps the only monument in memory of a Confederate soldier north of the Mason & Dixon Line!

EDGARTOWN, seat of Gov't. of Dukes County, Massachusetts; a picturesque harbor town of shops, galleries and historic houses. The Thomas Cooke House houses the Dukes County Historical Society Museum and Library, whose help with illustrations for this issue of the Thacher Quarterly was much appreciated! Librarian, Ann C. Allen sent photos, below.

CHAPPAQUIDICK ISLAND, "the separated island" is known for Cape Poge Light and Wildlife Refuge, its beaches and fishing.

MID ISLAND (or 'Dead-center'): Martha's Vineyard State Forest of 3500 acres and Airport.

THE NORTHERNMOST TOWN: VINEYARD HAVEN (Tisbury, formerly Holmes Hole) is actually just North of 'Dead Center', but called Down Island. Tourists arrive here from the mainland by ferry boats. At nearby Christiantown is the Indian Meetinghouse, Mayhew Chapel and burialground at Indian Hill, near North Tisbury.

UP ISLAND (West end): THACHER TERRITORY!

WEST TISBURY'S Indian name, "Takemmy" means "where anybody goes to grind corn"! Here the unspoiled landscape resembles the English countryside with stone walls and forested roads. There are vineyards and a winery. The Dukes County Agricultual Fair is held here. Nearby is "The Place on the Wayside" where Rev. Thomas Mayhew preached to the Indians.

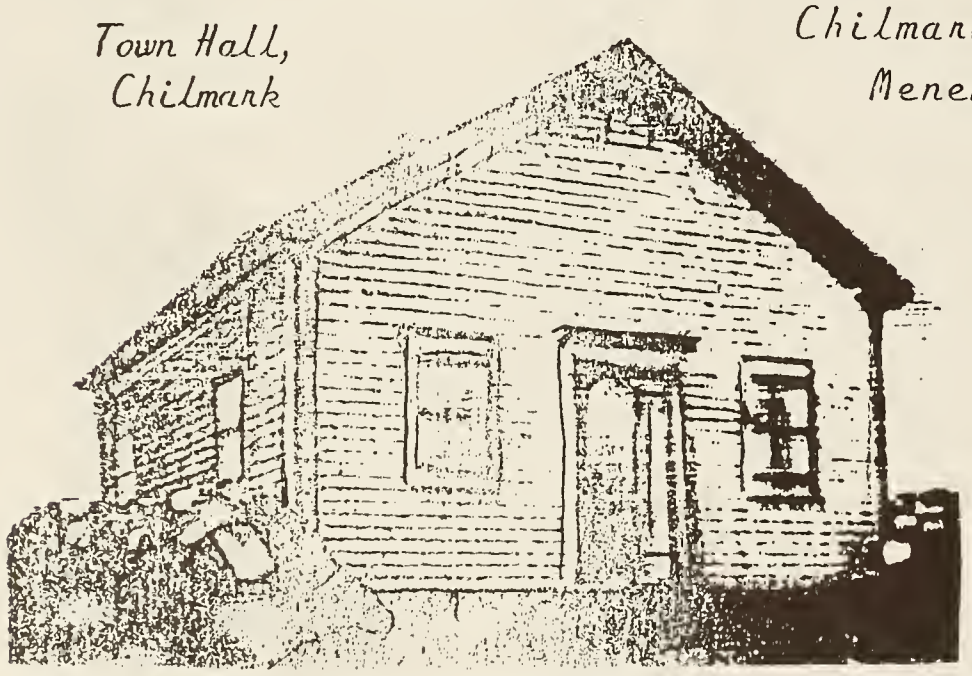
CHILMARK - "Nashowakemuck" to the Indians, meant "halfway house". Chilmark Center is located at Menemsha Cross Roads, South and Middle Roads intersection and resembles a typical New England town with its delicately spired white church.

MENEMSHA VILLAGE is a part of the Chilmark area located on Vineyard Sound, it is a typical small fishing village. The Indian name means "place of observation".

GAY HEAD -"Aquinnah" = Land under the hill, is an Indian settlement of sandunes, moores and cliffs. The Gay Head Cliffs are a National Landmark.

THE ELIZABETH ISLANDS and "NOMAN'S LAND" are also a part of Dukes County, Mass. The boulder strewn islands have only one town.

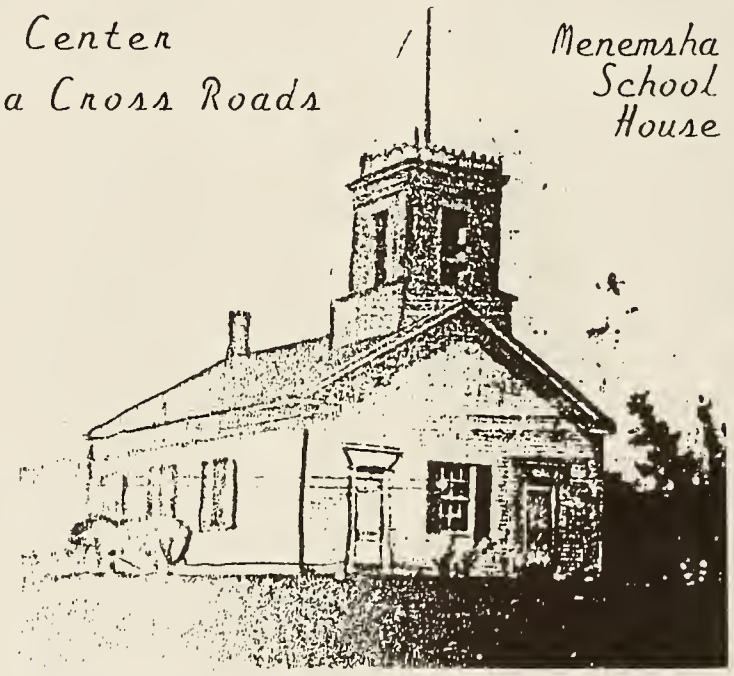
Town Hall, Chilmark



Chilmark's First Town Hall, built c1844

Chilmark - Center Menemsha Cross Roads

Menemsha School House



Menemsha School House, Chilmark

Rev. Ralph Thacher served the Church at Chilmark for 20 years & trod these Paths...

REV. RALPH THACHER (1648-1733)

Ralph Thacher of Duxbury and Chilmark, Mass. was the second son of Rev. Thomas Thacher, first minister of Old South Church, Boston. He served the church at Chilmark for 20 years.

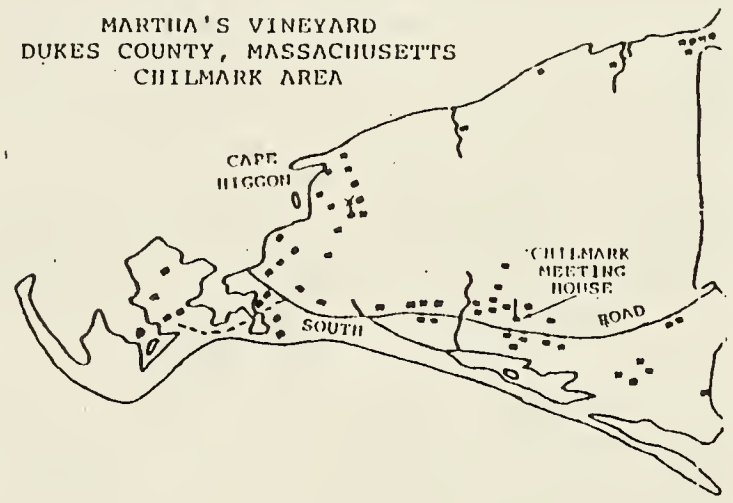
Ralph (Rodolphus)[4] Thacher lived in Duxbury, Massachusetts, for several years where he was the Constable of Duxbury on June 3, 1673, and again in 1678. In 1679 Ralph[4] Thacher had a grant of land at South River, Plymouth Co., Massachusetts from the Duxbury Records Vol. ap. 226 it is noted that "Laid forth unto Nathaniel Cole about twenty six acres of land lying on the east side of South River toward the head thereof, and joining to the said lands of Ralph Thacher on the South side, thereof, and extending southwardly from the said Thacher's land four score rods, more or less, to a red oak tree, standing about four rods to the eastward of the river, and so running with a straight line from the said river by that said red oak marked tree to another red oak tree marked standing about thirty rods from the said river, and so from that last said marked red oak tree with a straight line northwardly to another red oak tree, marked, near Mr. Thacher's land, to the above said river, being about twenty six rods from last said red oak tree marked to said river. This land was laid out and bounded, as abovesaid, the ninth day of July, by said John Tracy, John Soule, and William Pabodie." This was ordered to be recorded by the town of Duxbury, July 24, 1679.

From the Plymouth Colony Records Vol. vi pp. 91-92, July 7, 1682, we note that Mr. Rodolphus[4] Thacher was appointed guardian of Mr. Samuel Seaberry's children Hannah and John. It is also noted that Ralph[4] Thacher petitioned the court on a grant of land made unto William Kemp, Duxbury.

In the Duxbury Records (Library of Congress F74, D95 D9, pp.51-67) it is noted that Ralph[4] Thacher often signed his name as Rodolphus Thacher Town Clerk. His first entry beginning in 1684, and his last entry was made on April 5, 1694. He was therefore the town clerk of Duxbury from 1685 to 1694. Winsor's History of Duxbury, on p. 183, locates the homestead of Mr. Ralph[4] Thacher in Duxbury, Massachusetts in 1694.

Ralph[4] Thacher's desire to do good however carried him to Chilmark, Dukes Co., Martha's Vineyard where he was ordained the first minister of Chilmark in 1697. He preached there for many years. From the Chilmark Vital Records we note that the town of Chilmark was established on September 14, 1694. (Library of Congress F74, C583C5). It is also noted that Lydia[5] Thacher who was born in 1679.80 married John Dean June 10, _____. No intention was recorded. In 1706 Ralph[4] Thacher purchased land in Chilmark and in June of 1711 he gave his son Rodolphus[5] an estate of sixty acres in Chilmark, Martha's Vineyard.

In 1714, at his own request, he was dismissed as minister of Chilmark, and shortly afterwards he removed to Lebanan, New London Connecticut, where he had given farms to his three sons, Thomas[5], Rodolphus[5], and Peter.[5]



On October 30, 1714, "The Mannour of Tisbury commonly called Chilmark" was given all the powers of a town (Library of Congress F74, C583 C5).

Judge Samuel Sewall and his son Samuel, Jr., of Boston, Massachusetts visited Ralph[4] Thacher in Chilmark, on Tuesday, April 7, 1702, on their tour of Martha's Vineyard. They recorded scenes and events during their visit which gave the best pictures of social conditions on the Vineyard during that period. The fourth and last of these interesting visits was made by Judge Sewall in 1714, and like the others it was related to the business of the society for the propogation of the Gospel among the Indians of New England, of which Judge Sewall was an active promoter. One of the entries in his journal was "On April 6, 1714, in the evening, Mr. Ralph Thacher and his son Ralph called and welcomed me to the island (diary 11 p. 432)."

On the Chilmark Area map of Martha's Vineyard, Seven houses are shown on the South road, one near the present Middle road, and two in the Keephiggon, Cape Higgon district, ten in all. The houses on the South road can in part be identified as the residences of James Allen, Nathaniel Skiffe, Benjamin Skiffe, Nathan Skiffe, Rev. Rodolphus[4] Thacher, and probably Thomas Mayhew, and Nathan Bassett. The house in the region of New Mill River, Cape Higgon, is that of Richard Ellingham, and in Kephigon, Cape Higgon, of Samuel Tilton.

In 1692 there were about 40 people living in Chilmark, and at the close of the 17th Century, about twenty-five years after John Mayhew first built himself a house at Quansoo, in 1673, the town population was comprised of the following heads of families:

Experience Mayhew	Nathan Skiffe
John Mayhew	Samuel Tilton
Paine Mayhew	William Tilton
Thomas Mayhew	John Tilton
James Allen	Nathan Bassett
Ebenezer Allen	William Hunt
Nathaniel Skiffe	Rev. Rodolphus Thacher

There were fifteen households in all (Martha's Vineyard, Chilmark, Charles E. Banks, Library of Congress, F72, M5 B21, pp. 3-74).

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The Indian name for the Chilmark part of the island of Martha's Vineyard was Nashowakemmuck, which means, "half-way house," for perhaps some noted chief lived halfway between Tisbury and Gay Head. When Nashowakemmuck was made a town in 1671, it was named for the English Parrish of Gov. Mayhew's wife, Chilmark. It consisted of what is now Gay Head, No-Mans-Land, and the Elizabeth Islands. In a deed to Daniel Stewart on March 26, 1680, Gov. Mayhew states: "The Town of Chilmark in the Manor of Tisbury," but later it was just called Chilmark.

Thomas Mayhew, Jr., made the first purchase of land about 1655 from the Indian Chief; the next purchase was not made until 1663, when Gov. Mayhew acquired a square mile at the extreme northeast, Keephiggon, Cape Higgon, and in 1668 he bought a very large tract of land on the east side of South Road from Sachem Josias for "A cow and suit of clothes from top to toe and seventeen pounds in money."

In 1671 Gov. Mayhew and his grandson, Matthew Mayhew were made "Lords of the Manor of Tisbury," by Francis Lovelace who represented the Duke of York. This gave the Mayhews full power over the lands, people, rents and courts. They had nearly the same power as the barons in the feudal ages. Here is a list of some of the "lay rents" which were to be paid at the Manor House by the tenants: Two sheep on November 15, yearly; one good cheese, one nutmeg, one mink skin; six pecks of good wheat, one fat lamb."

The early settlers of this part of the Island were Nathan Bassett, John Hillman, William Hunt, Thomas Little, John Mayhew, Thomas Mayhew, Benjamin Skiffe, and Samuel Tilton. Thomas Mayhew, Jr., the only son of Gov. Mayhew, was the first missionary to the Indians of New England. He was a graduate of Oxford, a good Latin and Greek scholar, and was familiar with the Hebrew tongue.

The beginning of church history in Chilmark dates from the coming of John Mayhew (1651.2-1688) at the young age of twenty-one years. John Mayhew was the son of Thomas Mayhew, Jr., the missionary. Young Mayhew settled here in about 1673. He was not a college graduate but established himself in the work of a missionary to the English, and the Natives. There was no organized church in Chilmark when John Mayhew died on February 2, 1688. But it is quite certain that a meetinghouse had been built in Chilmark for their accomodation. When it was built is not known, but it was located on Abel's Hill, in the cemetery enclosure. There is a reference in the old Tisbury Records, dated June 12, 1701, to, "the meeting-house in Chilmark" then existing. John Mayhew's gravestone in the West Tisbury Cemetery is the oldest stone in Martha's Vineyard.

In 1657, in his thirty-seventh year, young Mayhew proposed a short trip to England in order to give a better account of his work among the Indians then he could by letter. He spent his last week with his Indian converts. While he was at what is now Farm Neck, the Sachem of Sanchakantackett gave him a big "Powwow." Mayhew's last meeting with the Indians before he sailed, was held at a place about half-way between Edgartown and West Tisbury, known as "The Place on The Wayside."

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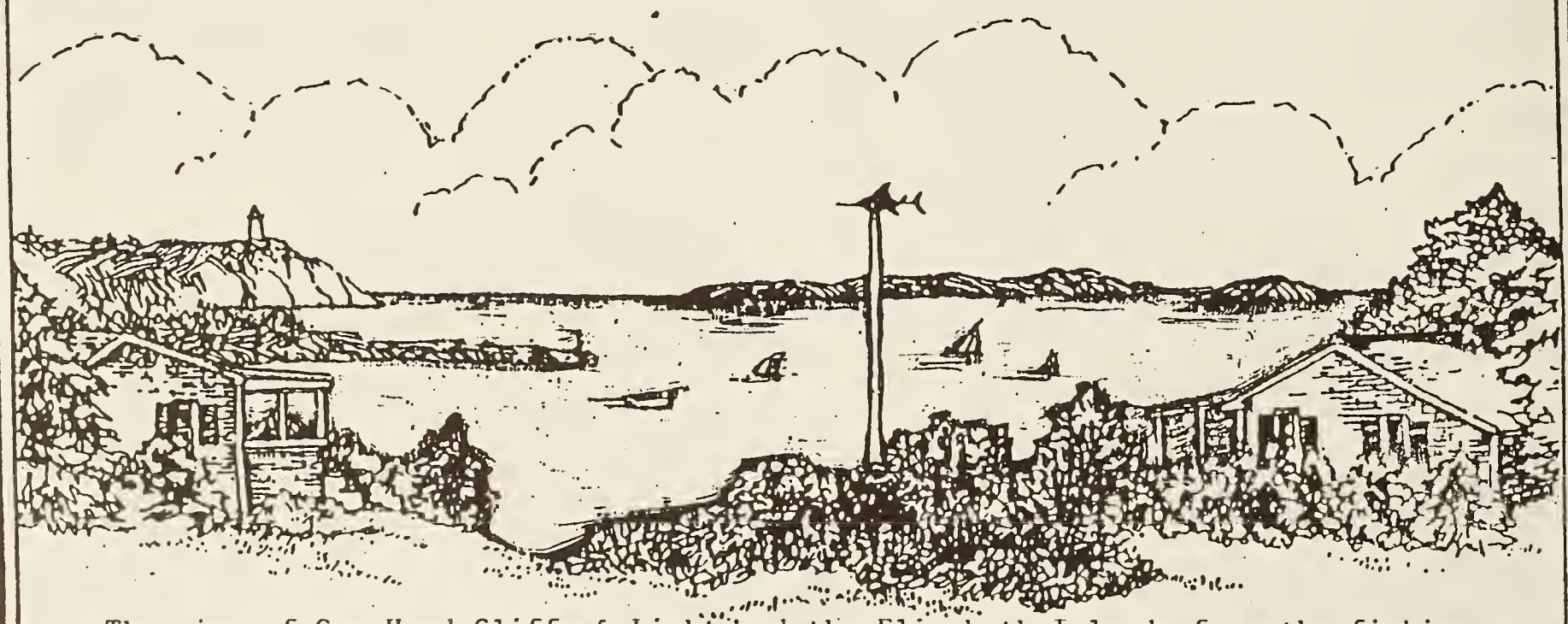
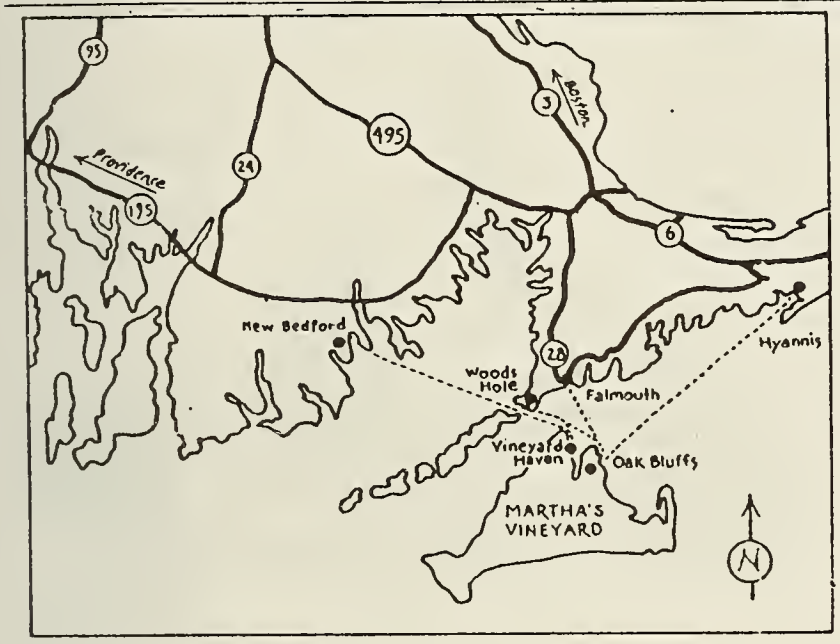
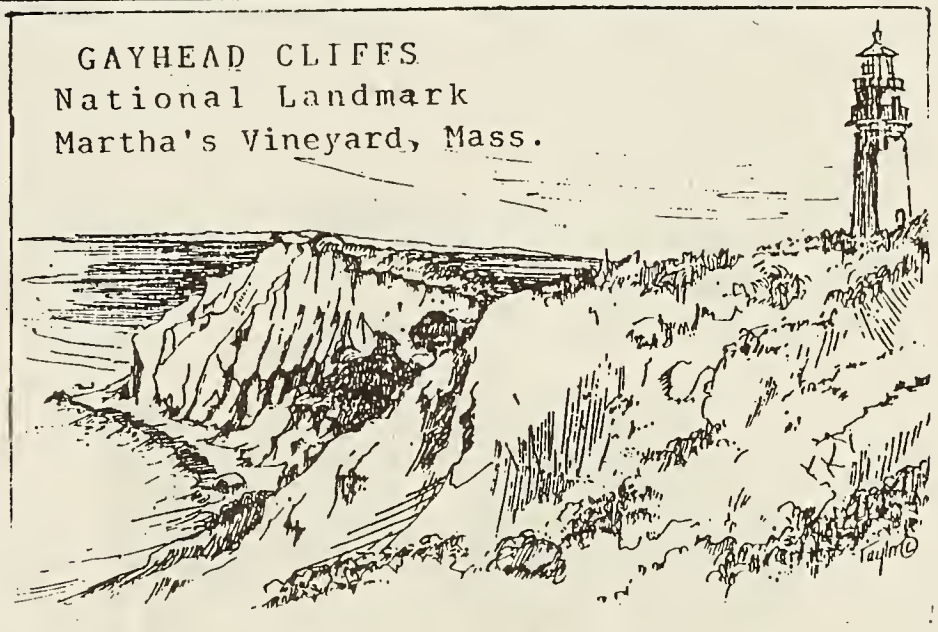


The view of Gay Head Cliffs & Light and the Elizabeth Islands from the fishing village of Menemsha on Menemsha Bight on the Vineyard Sound side of the island.

Pictured: Menemsha Inn & Cottages, P.O.Box 38C, Menemsha, MA 02552 - (508) 645-2521





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The next morning Mayhew sailed, taking with him his wife's brother and the first Indian graduate of Harvard College, who was a preacher among the Aborigine. Alas, the mysterious ways of Providence; neither the ship nor its passengers were ever heard from again.

Because of the loss of the church records of Chilmark before 1787, we can only find out about the church through letters, deeds, and diaries.

When Ralph[4] Thacher succeeded John Mayhew is not known, however in a document dated February 13, 1694, Mr. Ralph Thacher was spoken of an "now minister of the Gospel at the town of Chilmark," and this probably affords us a close intimation of the time of his coming to Chilmark. Ralph[4] Thacher was a native of Duxbury born about 1647.8, the son of Thomas[3] Thacher and Elizabeth (Partridge) Thacher. He was named for his maternal grandfather the Rev. Ralph Partridge of Duxbury. Ralph[4] Thacher was not a college graduate, and prior to his pastorate in Chilmark had lived in his native town of Duxbury where[4] he served as constable and town clerk. Ralph[4] Thacher married Ruth Partridge of Duxbury in 1669 and was the father of nine children, all of whom with the possible exception of the oldest son, who was of age, he brought with him to Chilmark (Savage Gen. Dic. IV p. 272; Mather Hecatompolis Magnolia I 27; Gen. Reg. XI p. 242; Windsor, Duxbury p. 178, 325). There is no record of his ordination. He lived on the South Road, and both he and his son Rodolphus acquired considerable property in Chilmark. In Dukes Deeds I, p. 365, he sold his residence to his successor; Rev. William Homes (ibid 111 p. 102).

It is interesting to note that the scarcity of paper in Colonial times made it necessary to exercise economy in literary scribbling, and correspondence, etc. Paper mills were few and far between in this country before 1700, and most of the paper was imported. Ink was made at home, and Pens were of course made from quills plucked from the farmyard goose, and cut by the user as needed. With this type of equipment[4] Johnathan Dunham, John Mayhew, Rev. Ralph Thacher, Experience Mayhew, and Josiah Torrey, indited their sermons for the benefit of their earlier generations then living in the three towns on Martha's Vineyard.

Since the Charter of William and Mary—Martha's Vineyard was incorporated in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1691, the following men have represented the County in General Court:

1698	Thomas Mayhew	1718 Paine Mayhew
1707-1711	Benjamin Skiffe	1720 Paine Mayhew
1715	Benjamin Skiffe	1721 Zaccheus Mayhew
1717	Benjamin Skiffe	

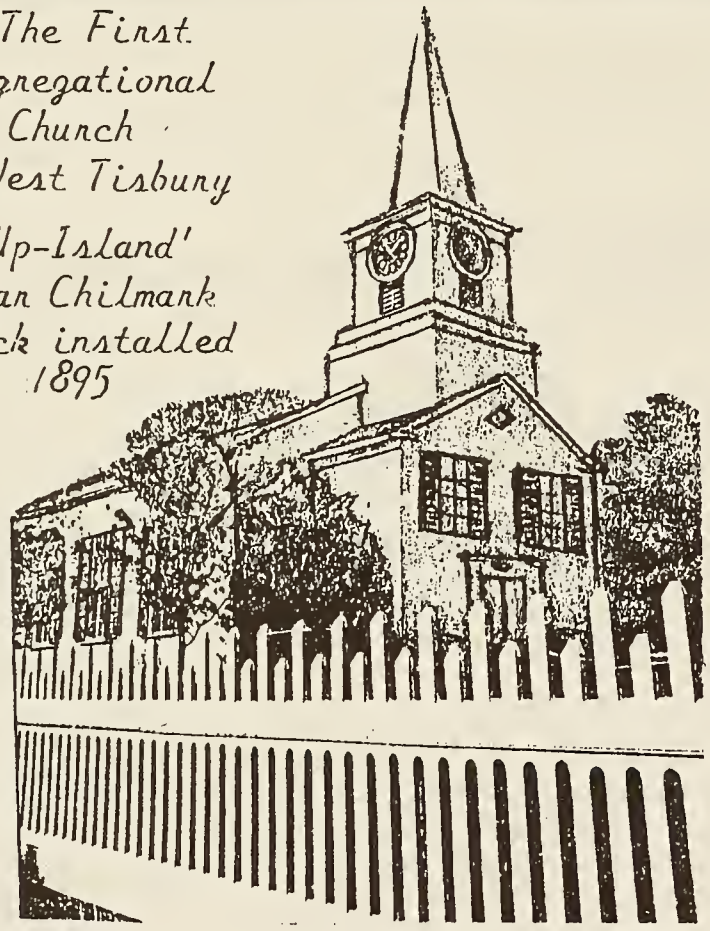
In 1714 Ralph[4] Thacher had been in continuous pastorial work in Chilmark for over twenty years, of which no memorials remain. He was then nearly three score years and ten, and early in 1714 he had severed his connection with the Chilmark Church and removed to Lebanon, Connecticut, where[4] some of his children had already gone. Ralph[4] Thacher witnessed a deed in Chilmark in September of 1714, and in April 1715 he reported himself as of Lebanon, and it is believed that he was living with his son Thomas[5] at that time. During the last years of his pastorate, a middle-aged Scotch-Irish clergyman Rev. William Homes came to Chilmark and was engaged[4] in teaching at the town school, and when Ralph[4] Thacher departed Rev. Homes was selected to take the vacant pulpit. In 1724 the second Chilmark meeting-house was built near the old one, on land donated by Nathan Bassett. After many years preaching in Chilmark[4], Rev. Homes died in 1746. Ralph (Rodolphus)[4] Thacher died at the home of his daughter Lydia Dean in Groton, Connecticut, on July 26, 1733, and was buried in the Rue Hill Cemetery in Groton, Connecticut. His will was dated August 10, 1728, and noted[4] as District of New London, Connecticut. Ralph[4] Thacher's oldest son Thomas[5] and his son-in-law John Dean (husband of Lydia Thacher Dean) were the executors of[4] his will. Although little is known of Ralph[4] Thacher's life, his decendants are numerous.

The preceding pages 5, 6 & 7 quoted from:

"THOMAS THACHER (1620-1678),
BOSTON BRANCH, PROGENITORS & DESCENDANTS"
by Elwood James[11] Thacher of Winter
Haven, Florida 1979
Volume III, pages 18 - 32

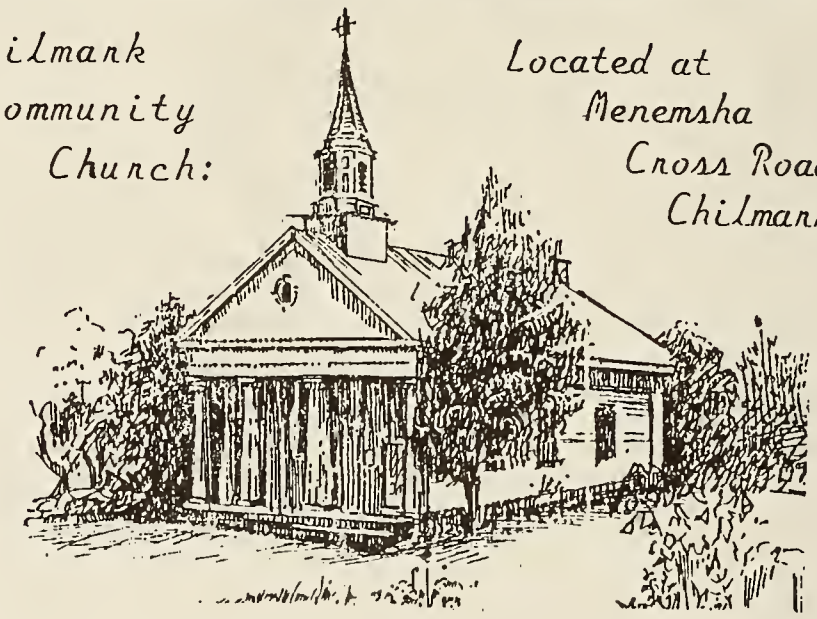
Find Elwood J.[11] Thacher on our Page 9 Chart

The First Congregational Church of West Tisbury 'Up-Island' near Chilmark Clock installed 1895



The Congregational Church in West Tisbury was moved to this site c1865. Islanders have always had a penchant for moving their buildings from one spot to another!

Chilmark Community Church: Located at Menemsha Cross Road, Chilmark



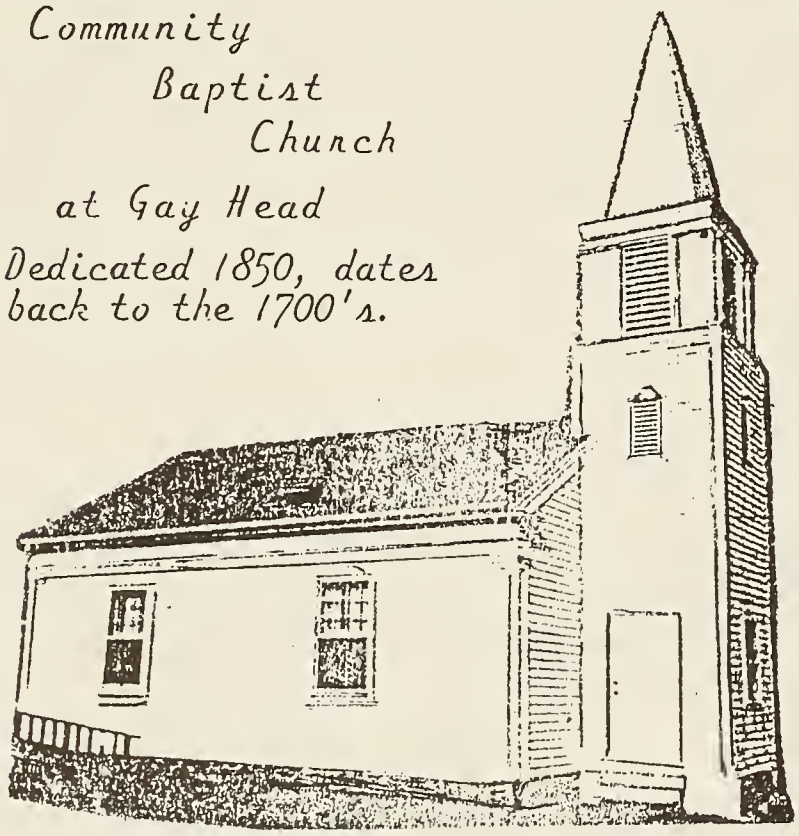
The Methodist Church in Chilmark, built c1843

The lovely pointed steeple was added when the building was moved in 1915 from its original site on Middle Road.

Today, Chilmark Center consists of this church, a 2 room schoolhouse, post office, firehouse, Town Hall & community center, and the general store.

Community Baptist Church at Gay Head

Dedicated 1850, dates back to the 1700's.



The Island has a total of 28 churches of many denominations

The Baptist Church at Gay Head is located in a setting of rolling fields and gray stone walls, high over the Atlantic Ocean. It is the oldest Indian Baptist Church in North America.

The First Congregational Church, Edgartown, organized 1642

This church, built in 1828, is now called The Federated Church (Baptist and Congregationalist). Edgartown is the Dukes County seat and the historical society is located here.

The Story of Our Churches will continue...

ANCESTORS & SOME DESCENDANTS OF RALPH THACHER (1648-1733) of CHILMARK, MASS.

Gen. I REV. PETER THACHER (c1545-1624) of St. Barnabas Church, Queen Camel, Somerset

Gen. II REV. PETER THACHER (1587-1640) of St. Edmunds Church, Salisbury, Wiltshire

Gen. III REV. THOMAS THACHER (1620-1678) of Old South Church, Boston, Massachusetts

Gen. IV REV. RODOLPHUS ("Ralph") THACHER (1648-1733) of Duxbury & Chilmark, Mass. and his wife, Ruth Partridge (c1650-1717) dau. of George & Sarah Partridge.
Children: Thomas 1670, Elizabeth 1672, Ann 1673-1680, Ruth 1675, RODOLPHUS[5] 1678, Lydia 1679, Mary 1681, Ann 1683, PETER[5] 1686.

Gen. V RODOLPHUS[5] THACHER of Duxbury, MA (1678-1757) & Patience Skiff d/o Nathan

REV. PETER[5] THACHER of Lebanon, CT (1686-1766) & Abigail Hibbard

Gen. VI BENJAMIN[6] THATCHER of Lebanon, CT (1724-1807) & Desire Yarrington 10 ch.

JOHN[6] THACHER of Lempster, NH (1739-1805) & Abigail Swift

Gen. VII DR. AVERY[7] THATCHER of Lebanon, CT (1766-1812) & Deborah Cummings 10 ch.

PETER[7] THACHER, SR. of Hartford, CT (1770-1849) & Anne Parks

Gen.VIII LUCIUS[8] THATCHER (1800-1883) 5 ch. Windsor, VT
m. Betsey Cornelia Warner

PETER[8] THACHER (1808-1888) Carbondale, PA
m. Rebecca S. Boardman

THOMAS[8] A. THACHER (1815-1886) New Haven, CT
m. Elizabeth Day

LUCIUS WARNER[9] THATCHER (1824-1889) 9 ch. Ticonderoga, NY
m. Electa McCouber

JAMES PETER[9] THACHER (1849-1920) Carbondale, PA
m. Flora Jane Webb

THOMAS[9] THACHER (1850-1920) New York City, NY
m. Sarah Green

GEORGE LUCIUS[10] THATCHER (1851-1906) 7 ch. St. Lawrence, NY
m. Janettie Eastwood

WILLIAM[10] THACHER (1885-1957) Susquehanna, PA
m. Minnie Weary

THOMAS DAY[10] THACHER (1881-1950) New York City, NY
m. 1) Eunice B. Burrall

GEORGE ALLEN[11] THATCHER (1891-1955) Ticonderoga, NY

ELWOOD JAMES[11] THACHER b. 1907 in PA 3 ch. of Winter Haven, FL

THOMAS[11] THACHER b. 1916 in NY 6 ch. of New Canaan, CT

HOWARD EDWARD[12] THATCHER (1910-1975) Ticonderoga, NY

ELWOOD JAMES[12] THACHER II b. 1939

THOMAS DAY[12] THACHER II b. 1946 of Bedford, NY

HOWARD EVERETT[13] THATCHER, b. 1931 in NY
Route 1, Box 141
Avoca, TX 79503

New Subscriber to The Thacher Quarterly, is a pilot who owns his own aviation company at Stamford, TX. He and Ernestine Segerstrom Heller were wed Sept. 4, 1993. The couple has visited Old South Meeting House, Boston.

"HISTORY OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD, DUKES COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS"

by Charles Edward Banks, 1911. 3 volumes by C.E. Banks, M.D., Surgeon United States Marine Hospital Service

VOLUME I, page 482: Diary of Samuel Sewal, Tuesday, April 7, 1702

"Visit Maj. (Matthew) Mayhew"

"Dine at Maj. Mayhew's, then rode to the Gay-head Neck to Abel's wigwam, where was pleased with the goodness of his house, especially the furniture, demonstrating his Industry."

"Visit Mr. Thacher on our return."

"Have a very good Chamber and Bed to lodge in, one of the best in Chilmark."

"Mr. (Ralph) Thacher, Mr. Thomas Mayhew and Mr. (Simon) Ahern accompanied me on my way to Edgartown."

Page 484: 1714 "In the evening Mr. Ralph Thacher & his son, Ralph call and welcome me to the Island."

Samuel Sewal was a Lifetime Friend & Harvard Classmate of Rev. Peter[4] Thacher of Milton

QUERIES: The following THATCHER records were sent by Cynthia A. Peckham of the Sandy Bay Historical Society and Museum, Box 63, Rockport, Massachusetts. which collects local history only.

Married

"Joseph Leibranat Thatcher and Louisa Augusta Mutchler Aug 11th 1874

Births

"Joseph Leibranat Thatcher Octo 21st 1851
Louisa Augusta Mutchler "Jan. 12th 1860
Bayard Thatcher "June 3rd 1878 12.30 P.M.
Elsie Venable Thatcher 30th May 1881 9 P.M.
William Joseph Thatcher 21st Mar. 1884 9.30 P.M.

Deaths

Jos L. Thatcher Sept 23, 1886
Wm J. Thatcher July 15 1907
U. S. S. Georgia Cape Cod Bay
Louisa A. Thatcher Mar 6, 1926
Bayard Thatcher July. 10 1963

Married

Bayard Thatcher and Lillie May McCaffrey, Jan 26, 1899

Births

Bayard Thatcher June 3, 1878, 12.30 P.M.
Lillie May McCaffrey March 20, 1879, 1 P.M.
Gertrude Thatcher March 24 1900. 8 a.m.
Leila Mary Thatcher June 20, 1901. 10.30 P.M.

Deaths

Lillie M. Thatcher Feb 10, 1926
Bayard Thatcher July 10 1963

Deaths

Cornelia Thatcher April 4th 1842
Joseph L. Thatcher September 23rd 1886.
Albert Thatcher Mar 19 1895
Lydia C. Thatcher June 12th 1897
Virginia Thatcher Aug 24, 1895
Mathew C. Thatcher May 5, 1914
Albert Thatcher Feb 11, 1931
John L Thatcher Mar 17, 1931
Charles H. Thatcher
Emma Thatcher Mar 25, 1911
Duncan Thatcher Mar 2, 1933
Louisa A. Thatcher Mar 6, 1926
Cornelia V. Thatcher May 15, 1952

Established residence in 1026 N. 6th St. Feb. 29, 1912.

Ms Peckham was referred to us by our Thacher cousin, Harry L. Walen of Rockport, MA, presenting yet another mystery!

A second address given was for Elsie V. Thatcher and Gertrude Thatcher, 2217 West 11th Street, Wilmington, Delaware.

Included with the three pages of family records were two pages telling the story of Rev. Thomas Thacher of Old South Church, in Boston, and the story of the ship wreck on Thacher's Island.

PLEASE write to the Editor!

Please note your Expiration Date on your address label!
Make checks payable to Nancy Tallman Walkowski, Editor.
Hope you'll join us for another issue in October!

N.T.W.

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CURRENT EVENTS, Spring 1993:
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The DIAL OF THE OLD SOUTH CLOCK

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Uncovering Old South's Past

By Lynn Bellock

The Old South Meeting House is planning a major renovation in 1994 to restore and strengthen this 264 year old structure. In preparation, a great deal of historical and architectural research has been done. A team from the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (SPNEA) worked with Stahl Associates Architects to complete an extensive Historic Structure Report. Thanks to their efforts, a great deal of exciting new information about the Meeting House has been uncovered. What follows is a sampling of these important discoveries.

Old South Meeting House, 1939

The design of the Old South Meeting House is a unique blend of Puritan and Anglican traditions. In replacing its old cedar meeting house (1665) Old South kept the traditional interior meeting house arrangement of a nearly square to rectangular building with pulpit and entryway facing each other across the short axis of the building. But much of the exterior design of the meeting house derived from Anglican designs. According to contemporary sources, Old South's congregation was one of the most prosperous in the colonies. Increasingly ambitious and cosmopolitan, the congregation wanted to make its new meeting house a symbol of its status, prosperity, and stylish English tastes.

Old South, built in 1729, boasted a standing tower, steeple and round headed windows derived from 17th century English architect Christopher Wren's churches. The SPNEA team believes they have located direct design sources among Wren's London churches for both the exterior of the Old South Meeting House and the steeple. The Old South Meeting House steeple was one of the first to be used by a non-conformist church, and inspired many other steeple designs throughout New England. In blending Puritan and Anglican styles, Old South represented a turning point in meeting house design.

Paint research done by SPNEA provided a picture of Old South's evolving exterior and the congregation's evolving tastes. For almost one hundred years, Old South remained unpainted brick. In 1814 the building was whitewashed and painted on the exterior. It was painted a series of colors over the next hundred years, including shades of yellow ochre, and in 1850, a cream sand paint. The first polychromatic paint scheme (gray brick and brown trim) appeared in 1867. By the late 19th and early 20th centuries, ivy enveloped Old South's tower. In 1914 the paint was stripped and Old South returned to its 18th century unpainted appearance.

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The 1992 Historic Structure Report is based on comprehensive research undertaken by a team from the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (SPNEA). The team consisted of Andrea Gilmore, Anne Grady, and Brian Powell. They visited a number of local archives and repositories to collect both printed and photographic material on the Old South Meeting House through time: the Congregational Library, the Boston Athenaeum, the Boston Public Library, the Bostonian Society, Massachusetts Historical Society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society, and SPNEA. The team also did extensive on-site research at Old South to document the past and present physical fabric. The SPNEA team's study of the building included examination of paint, nails, plaster, and cuts and changes in the woodwork. According to a statement by the SPNEA team in the Historic Structure Report, "this combination of existing scholarship, new documentary research, and physical investigation ultimately proved very fruitful, and has allowed us to come to a fuller understanding of the evolution of Old South over time." This report has not only greatly increased knowledge of Old South's history, but will serve the main purpose of helping to guide Old South through its next renovation process.

YOU can help by joining Old South Association ! Write to:

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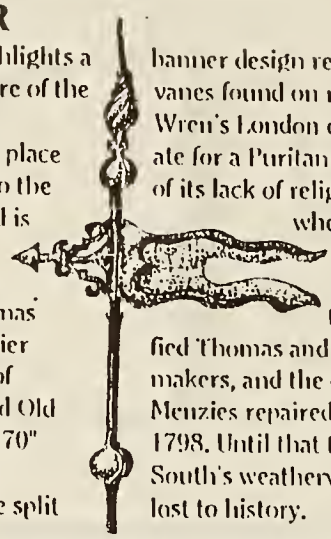
COLLECTION CORNER

This issue's Collection Corner highlights a unique but often overlooked feature of the Old South Meeting House – the weathervane. The weathervane, in place since 1730, is second in age only to the one atop the Old State House, and is one of only four remaining weathervanes in Boston from the first half of the 18th century. Thomas and David Drowne, Boston's premier weathervane makers and makers of Faneuil Hall's grasshopper, created Old South's weathervane. It measures 70" both in height and length, with a weathervane along the length. The split banner design recalls similar weathervanes found on many of Christopher Wren's London churches, yet is appropriate for a Puritan meeting house because of its lack of religious content. In 1879, when the weathervane was re-gilded, two pieces of paper were found in the banner. One identified Thomas and David Drowne as the makers, and the other stated William Menzies repaired the weathervane in 1798. Until that time, the names of Old South's weathervane makers had been lost to history.



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Another area of research concentrated on the pews and seating arrangements at Old South. Little information remains to reconstruct the appearance of the earliest pews. During the Revolutionary War, all existing pews were destroyed by occupying British troops. Thomas Dawes, a patriot, member of Old South's congregation and future deacon, designed the reconstructed interior in 1782-83. Although Dawes designed a number of homes and the Brattle Square church interior, Old South's interior features from this period stand as the only record of his work. Recent research points to the installation of slip pews during this period. Dawes had used slip pews at the Brattle Street Church in 1772, but the majority of meeting houses continued with box pews into the 19th century. The use of slip pews, rather than the standard box pews was unusual at this early date. The slip pews represented an innovation of a congregation ahead of its time in architectural design. This set of pews lasted at Old South until the building was refitted as a post office in 1873, when they were stored in the basement.

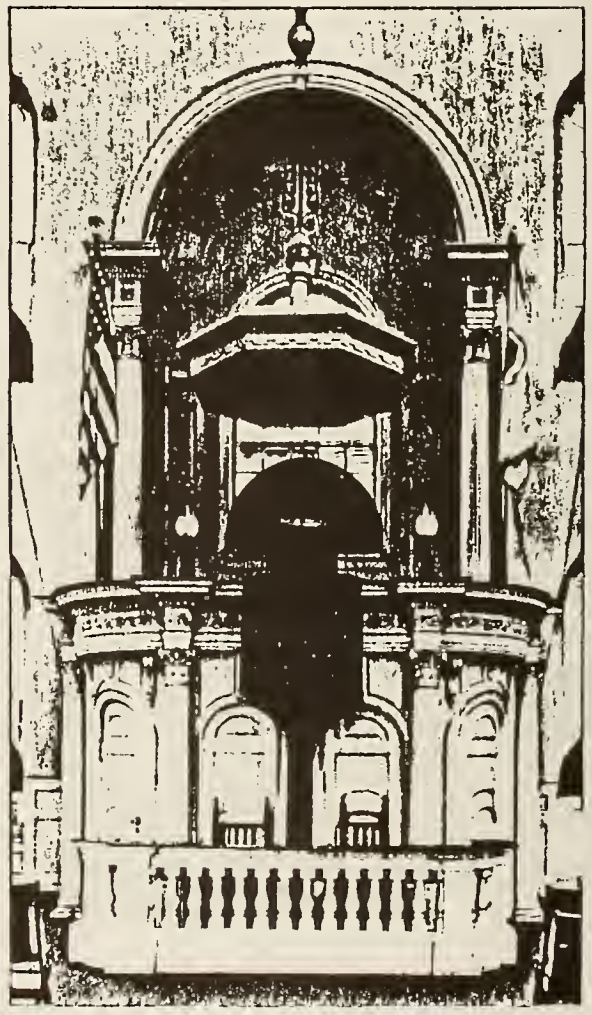
When Old South became a museum in 1876, auditorium chairs were installed for functional seating. But from early on, people favored recreating the pews. In 1910-11 and 1939, four pews were reassembled from stored portions of the 1782-83 pews and put on exhibit. (These are the four high pews that can be seen at the front of the meeting house today.) In 1947 Old South board member and architect Charles Loring drew up a recreation of the 1729 pew plan. There were errors made; the 1729 front benches were interpreted as slip pews, and deviation was allowed from the 1729 plan to allow enough room for museum exhibitions. The pews were constructed at a cost of $21,600. Overall, the new pews represented a major interpretative decision- choosing reproductions and restoration to the colonial era over preserving later alterations.

The pews pleased both the Association and the public, and Loring hoped to install pews in the gallery. The Christian Science Monitor of September 23, 1947 reported, "For the first time since the Boston fire of 1871 [sic], the Meeting House has regular pews for seats. The newly installed pews . . . will make it possible for groups who use the structure to air this or that controversial issue in greater dignity than the previous folding chairs afforded."

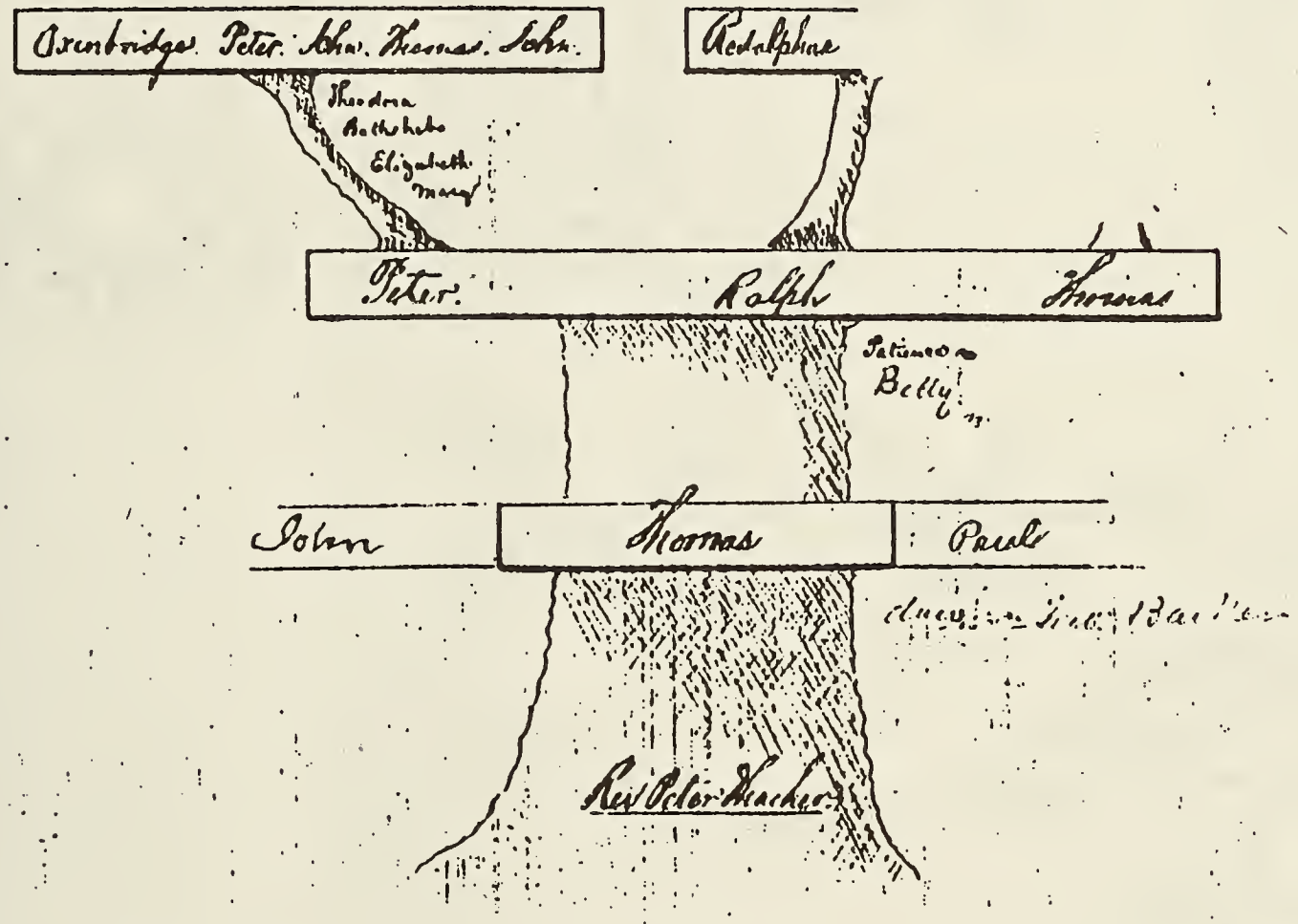
The pulpit was another focus of research. Almost nothing is known about the first (1729) and second (1782-83) pulpits in the building. In 1808 a new pulpit was installed; part of this pulpit makes up the central "wine glass" portion of the current pulpit. In 1857, as part of a general effort to "Victorianize" the interior, the elaborate pulpit we see today was installed. The congregation chose to incorporate the 1808 wine glass element into this new pulpit. Such a decision would not be unusual in the 20th century, but in 1857 it conveyed a highly unusual sense of reverence for the past. The pulpit remained in that form until the post office took over the building in 1873. The wine glass portion then went to New Old South Church in Copley Square, and the 1857 portion went to whereabouts unknown. The 1857 pulpit surfaced about 1899, when it was sold to an antique furniture dealer for $40, and exhibited in Dorchester. When it came to the attention of the Association, Old South Treasurer Richard Hale bought the pulpit back for $250. In 1906 New Old South Church returned the 1808 wine glass for exhibition purposes, and in 1910 the two portions were rejoined and reinstalled as we see today.

During the early 20th century, the pulpit was a subject of controversy. In 1907, Association meeting minutes record that "Objection was made that, except the wine glass [portion], the pulpit had no historic value, dating from 1857 only, and that we had considered that matter long ago and had rejected the pulpit." In spite of this, the entire pulpit was reinstalled in 1910. In 1939 objections surfaced again. The sentiment of the day favored colonial forms over Victorian design. Charles Loring and others wanted to alter the pulpit and remove the carved decoration on the lower portion of the wine glass, presumably applied when it was incorporated into the 1857 version. While a vote was taken in favor of the removals, the work was never carried out, due to recommendations by SPNEA founder Sumner Appleton.

The difference of opinion over the pulpit illustrates a central debate in the history of the building: What constitutes an "authentic" feature of the Meeting House? What deserves to be preserved and what can be taken away? Ten generations of people have made decisions about the Meeting House; generations that would strongly disagree with each other's conceptions of style, function, and the past itself. As Old South undergoes yet another major renovation, the current generation bears quite a responsibility.



Old South Pulpit, circa mid 20th century.



III. Rev. Ralph Thacher b 1648 Weymouth, Mass and died 1733 Groton, New London, Conn.

He was living in Duxbury, Mass in 1681. He was minister in Chilmark. on Martha's Vineyard from 1694 to 1714

From Chilmark he went to Lebanon, in Connecticut. He was not there, however, in his ministerial capacity, but was a wealthy landholder.

He had: Thomas 1670, Elizabeth 1672, Ann 1673, Ruth 1675
Rodolphus 1677, Lydia 1679, Mary 1681, Ann 1683,
Peter 1686

In 1642 Rev. Thomas Mayhew established the first settlement at Edgartown.

MAP of MARTHA'S VINEYARD

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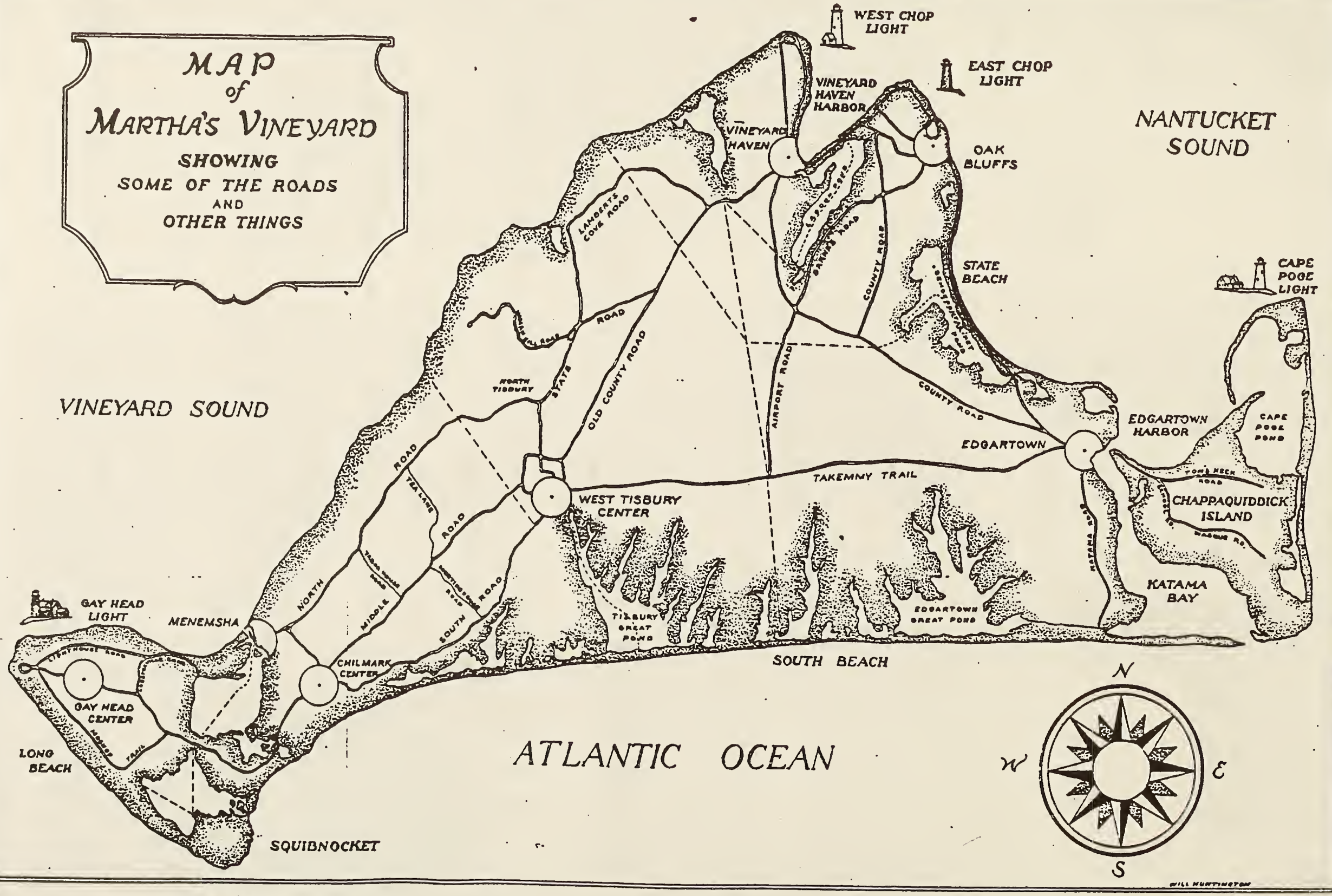

Rev. Ralph Thacher served the church at Chilmark from 1694 to 1714.
1677

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September 12. 1993

Dear Thacher Cousins & Friends,

Our AUTUMN ISSUE No. 15 includes three different features as the Story of Our Churches continues:

We begin with the Rev. Peter[5] Thacher of Middleborough, Massachusetts, son of Rev. Peter[4] Thacher of Milton. Unlike his contemporaries, he was, we learned "old fashioned", and this was in part attributed to the large Thacher Library he inherited from three generations before him.

Here, please note that we discovered an error in the Winter Issue, No.13 page 5, where credit was given to Cotton Mather for a statement concerning the Thacher Library inherited first by Rev. Peter of Milton and then, by his son Rev. Peter[5] Thacher of Middleboro. In fact, it was Thomas Prince, speaking about the library of the latter and quoted in Sibley's Harvard Graduates, Vol. 5, page 319. See our page 3, this issue.

We also observed that Rev. Peter[5] Thacher (1688-1744) of Middleboro was in effect, "Born Again" in the short-lived religious revival that took place in New England - and, in fact, in his zeal, shortened his life.

Our second feature takes us from New England by ship, to North Africa. Not one, but Two Thacher cousins, both of the name, Thomas Thacher, were taken from their merchant ships by the Moors and held captive in Morocco! Note that they were probably taken from different ships at different times, but held captive during the same time period. These events took place during the reign of Moulay Ismael "The Terrible Lion", sultan of Morocco from 1674 to his death in 1727. Our thanks go to Cousin Jerry Corwin for his interest in this story and contribution to this issue!

Thirdly, we continue the story of the Thatcher families of Wilmington, Delaware. Featured are several of the Thatcher (& probably related families (?)) Photos, sent by the Sandy Bay Historical Society of Rockport, Mass. (See the Thatcher Records, p.10, Spring Issue, No. 14).

We wrote to Dr. James Thatcher Shaw of Logan, Utah and to the Historical Society of Delaware seeking answers regarding the Thatcher Photos. Dr. Shaw replied with a probable Pennsylvania ancestry. The Historical Society of Delaware surprised us by sending copies of over 100 Thatcher file cards! On pages 9 thru 12 we've attempted to share some of these with Thacher Quarterly readers. Thanks to Dr. Shaw, collector of Thacher-Thatcher records, and to Ellen Rendle, Curator of Photos & Maps for the Historical Society of Delaware, for their contribution to this issue!

When renewing Your Subscription, it is a Great Help to your Editor when subscribers address their checks to her: Nancy T. Walkowski,(and NOT to the newsletter name!) Thanks for Your Help in this matter!

Please refer to the renewal date that appears on your Address Label and notify Cousin Nancy or Cousin Jerry Corwin if your records differ.

We would like to extend our Best Wishes to you and your families for a Happy Thanksgiving and for the entire Holiday Season as well!

Your Cousin, Nancy

THANKSGIVING DAY

By *Lydia Maria Child* (1802-1880)

Over the river and through the wood,
To grandfather's house we go;
The horse knows the way
To carry the sleigh
Through the white and drifted snow.

Over the river and through the wood—
Oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes
And bites the nose,
As over the ground we go.

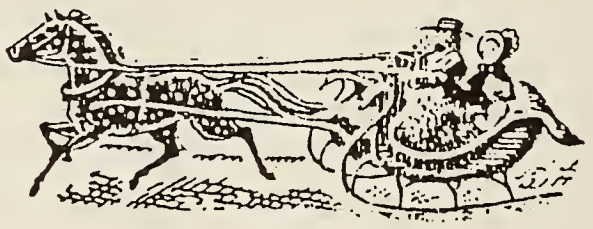
Over the river and through the wood,
Trot fast, my dapple-gray!
Spring over the ground,
Like a hunting hound!
For this is Thanksgiving Day.

Over the river and through the wood,
To have a first-rate play;
Hear the bells ring
"Ting-a-ling-ding!"
Hurrah for Thanksgiving Day!

Over the river and through the wood,
And straight through the barnyard gate,
We seem to go
Extremely slow—
It is so hard to wait!

Over the river and through the wood—
Now grandmother's cap I spy!
Hurrah for the fun!
Is the pudding done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!



November 1950

We traveled far & wide to gather in the kitchen of our Grandma, Katherine Rosina (Thacher) Liitt! (1890-1974)

Her 5th great grandfather was Rev. Peter[5] Thacher of Middleboro, Mass., featured in this issue.

On this particular holiday, a photographer from the Rock Island Argus stopped by, adding to the excitement of the day!

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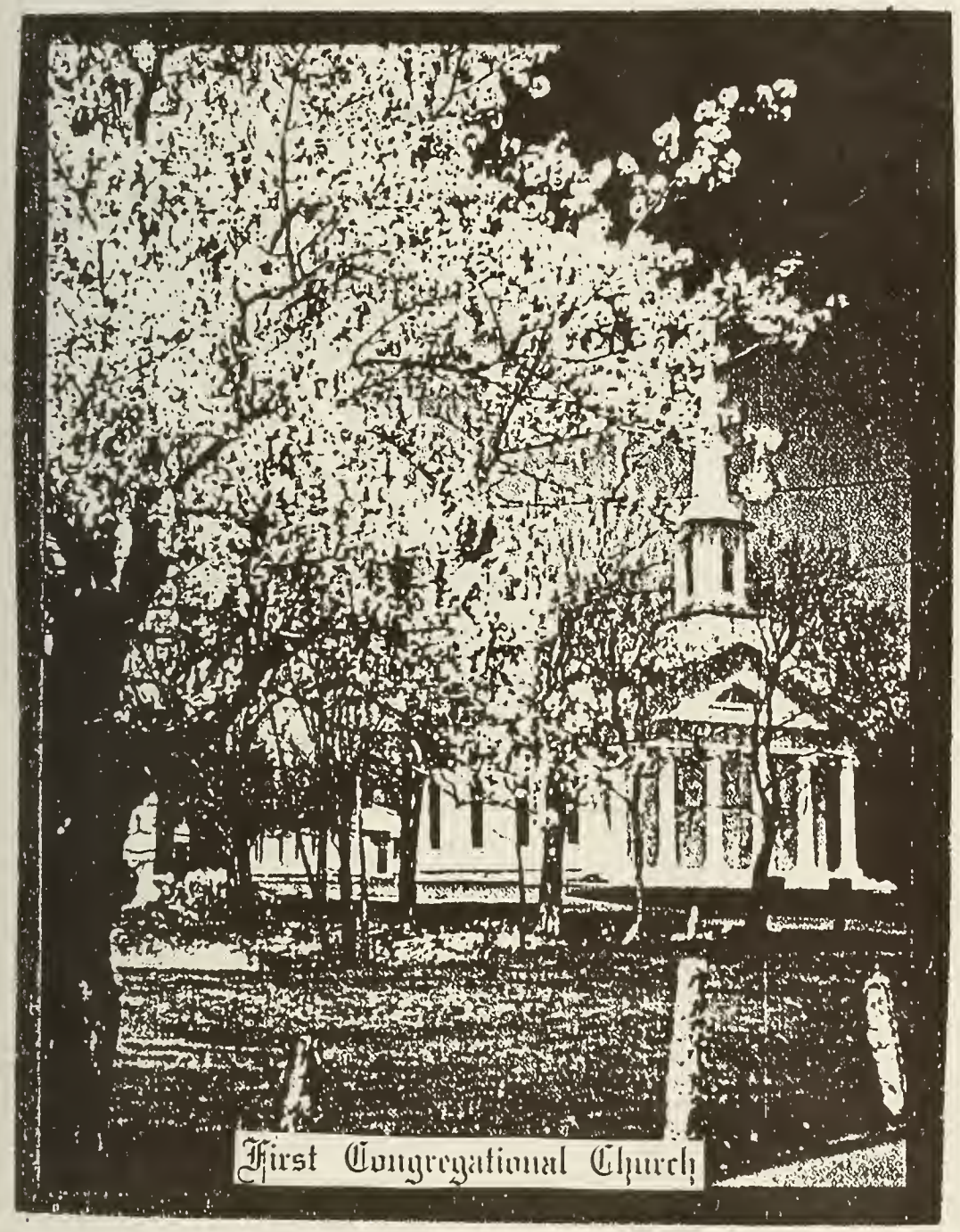
'HOW MUCH LONGER, GRANDMA?'—That was the anxious question put to Mrs. R. H. Liitt by her three grandchildren early this morning when the big turkey was all set for the oven at the Liitt home, 1613 Twenty-ninth street, Rock Island. Shown left to right, above, are Barbara Kropen, 6; Nancy Tallman, 9; Jacqueline Kropen, 7; and Mrs. Liitt. Barbara and Jacqueline are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph F. Kropen, Rock Island, and Nancy is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Ben L. Tallman, Detroit, Mich. (Argus photo.)

THACHER QUARTERLY

No. 15 AUTUMN 1993 REV. PETER[5] THACHER of Middleboro, Massachusetts

"THE CHURCH AT THE GREEN"



This "Church at the Green" was organized December 26, 1694 (O.S.) as "The First Church of Christ in Middleboro."

Its organizers were the sons of the Pilgrim Fathers, nine of whom were transferred from the parent Church at Plymouth, eight were original members of the Twenty-Six Men's Purchase (the first purchase of land from the Indians) and all were living here at the time of the Town's incorporation in 1669.

The articles of Christian Faith accepted by this Congregation followed those laid down by John Robinson, Pastor of the Pilgrim Church in Leyden, Holland.

This present building is the fourth Church edifice at or near the Green. It was built in 1828 at a cost of $12,000 or $13,000. The expense was covered chiefly by the sale of pews. It has been called by Daniel Webster "the most beautiful church in New England." The architect was Deacon James Sproat, one of the foremost architects of his day, who joined the Church in 1816 and became a Deacon in 1833.

This Church was dedicated in 1829 with the dedicatory sermon preached by Rev. Lyman Beecher, father of Henry Ward Beecher.

Immediately after the edifice was completed, a curtain made from Italian silk damask was placed behind the pulpit. On July 17, 1949, at the Ancestor's Service, the Church accepted a replica of the original—a gift from the members of the Putnam Sewing Circle.

This dorsal was made from cheney cloth similar in color and weave, while the original fringe, cord and tassel were used for embellishment.

During the process of rehanging, it was discovered that on the wall directly behind the curtain was painted a charming Greek vista.

The organ was installed in 1887 and when played was pumped by hand until 1950, when members of the Putnam Circle had an electric motor installed.

The auditorium was frescoed in 1855 by Mr. Ernest John Frederic Barton, a native of Providence, R. I., who had a summer home in Middleboro. An exact duplicate of the original pattern was restored in 1968 by the James J. Wilmot Co., at a cost of $15,500.

The third meeting-house, built in 1745, stood about one-hundred and fifty yards east of the present Church. This was the beautiful Church which witnessed much of the local action during the dark days of the revolution. Here worshipped Judge Peter Oliver, the last Chief Justice under the British King, and second only in importance to Governor of the Colony. Here also were to be found Lieut. Governor Andrew Oliver, Governor Bowdoin and Thomas Prince. Here again worshipped Benjamin Franklin and Sir William Temple. Here, in 1746, after Mr. Conant's ordination, the great revivalist, George Whitefield, preached a powerful sermon. From the steps of this third meeting-house and from the training green facing it, left most of the military companies of this Town, to establish a new nation and freedom in 1775.

The second Church building was erected directly across the Green from this spot in front of the school house. Built in 1700, it served the Parish for over forty years. Here worshipped

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Luke Short, who united with the Church when over one hundred, and lived to the ripe old age of one hundred and sixteen. He was present at the beheading of King Charles the First in 1649, and he had seen Oliver Cromwell. Here also worshipped Samuel Prince, one of his Majesty's Justices, and son-in-law of Governor Hinkley.

The first Church building stood about one mile Northeast of here on Plymouth Street. It was built in 1680 by the Town and stood for twenty years, being demolished in 1701 and sold for five pounds and two shillings.

The first three meeting-houses were used by the people to hold Town meetings.

The Chapel was erected in 1829, and the Parsonage built in 1832.

In the Church's history, it has had only twenty-one regular ministers, as follows:

Samuel Fuller	1694–1695
Thomas Palmer	1702–1708
Peter Thatcher, Jr.	1709–1744
Sylvanus Conant	1745–1777
Joseph Barker	1781–1815
Emerson Paine	1816–1822
William Eaton	1824–1834
Israel W. Putnam	1835–1865
Rufus M. Sawyer	1866–1869
Ephraim N. Hidden	1869–1874
Theophilus P. Sawin	1875–1878
Nathan T. Dyer	1878–1885
Howard A. Hannaford	1885–1888
Josiah W. Kingsbury	1889–1891
George W. Stearns	1891–1905
Arthur G. Cummings	1905–1954
James R. Williams	1954–1957
Warren C. Campbell	1957–1958
Albert D. C. McIlroy	1958–1968
Frank H. Oxenford (Interim)	1968–1969
Manfred W. Kohl	1969–1977
Robert T. Pardon	1977–

REV. PETER[5] THACHER was the 3rd minister, serving from 1709-1744.

Five roads led to his church in the second building, built 1700.

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PETER THACHER

PETER THACHER, minister of Middleborough, was a younger son of the Reverend Peter Thacher (A.B. 1671) of Milton, where he was born on October 1, 1688.[1] "Peetter" was early sent to study under the Reverend Nehemiah Hobart (A.B. 1667) of Newton, who fitted him for college. Admitted with the Class of 1706, he did not take up residence until the beginning of the sophomore year, which explains his promotion at that time from sixth to third place. Although he entered into full communion in the Milton church on February 6, 1703/4, he twice gave the college authorities reason to fine him heavily. While he was a sophomore he made friends with a freshman named Thomas Prince, who had the chamber above and in later years testified to the piety of Peter's college days:

I then observed a religious Disposition in him: and saw more thereof, upon his taking me with him Home in one of the short Election-Vacancies in May 1705 or 1706; when I also had the Pleasure of seeing and

[1] Suffolk Files, 53,397, *et passim*.
[9] Henry W. Foote, *Annals of King's Chapel* (Boston, 1882–96), 1, 478.
[10] 1 *Proc. M. H. S.* XX, 123–41.
[11] *Boston News-Letters*, June 26, 1760, p. 3.
[12] *Ibid.*, Aug. 30, 1770, p. 3.
[1] *Milton Records* (Boston, 1900), p. 62. The date which is given in genealogies and town histories comes from Thomas Prince, who qualified it with an "about."

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THE PRINCE FAMILY

ELDER JOHN PRINCE "of Hull", came to America 1633 from Shefford, Berkshire, England

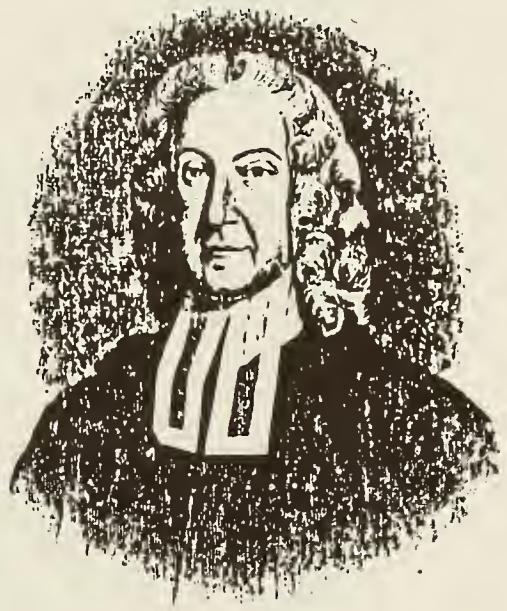
SAMUEL PRINCE A prominent attorney of Boston, he also resided at Sandwich.

Married MERCY HINCKLEY, born 1663, daughter of Gov. THOMAS HINCKLEY (b. 1618 & came to America 1635) and his 2nd wife, (m.1660), Mary (Smith) Glover

They had at least five children:

ELDEST SON	2nd SON	3rd SON	4th SON	DAUGHTER
		NATHAN PRINCE	REV. THOMAS PRINCE (1686-1758)	MARY PRINCE THACHER (1688-1771)

REV. THOMAS PRINCE - Harvard 1707, was ordained at Old South Church, Boston in 1717. He was a classmate and friend of Rev. Peter[5] Thacher, and his brother-in-law.



Thomas Prince

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hearing that agreable and heavenly Man his Father, who receiv'd & entertain'd me with the most condescending Freedom and most hearty Welcome.[2]

Peter left college early in his junior year, but was granted his first degree in course. In 1706 and 1707 he was keeping the Dorchester grammar school and preaching occasionally in Malden and Middleborough. On February 21, 1706/7, the former town voted on his candidacy, giving him "31 vots which was The maiger part considerable." Two months later it was voted, "That Mr. Thacher shall have fifty pounds per yeare in mony and the use of the parsenag housing and land and a suficent suply of firewood lade at his dore and the benifet of Strangres mony all this so long as he carieth on the work of the minestrey amongst us in malden."[3] Either Thacher refused the offer or the town was fickle, for it addressed itself to another candidate a few months later.

In September, 1707, Thacher was preaching in Middleborough, where, after a three months' trial, he was offered a contract for the following quarter. The situation was not a comfortable one, for the old pastor had been deposed by the church but was still preaching to his sympathizers while awaiting action by an ecclesiastical council. But Thacher held on and was chosen pastor on June 30, 1708. His ordination was delayed until he had taken his second degree at Commencement, 1709, when he submitted an affirmative answer to the question, "An Pneumatica sit Scientia a Metaphysica et Theologia distincta?" He never received the degree of S.T.D. which is accorded him by the town historian. His ordination took place on November 2, 1709.

The parents of Thomas Prince were then living in the neighboring town of Rochester, where Mr. Thacher's visits led to his marriage, on January 24, 1710/11,[4] to "Tomme's" sister Mary. When Tom Prince came back from England six years later, he went down to visit his brother-in-law and "was most agreably entertained not only with his affectionate Embraces, but also with his great Improvement in Solidity and Judgment

[2] *Christian History* (Boston, 1744-45), II, 78.
[3] Deloraine P. Corey, *History of Malden* (Malden, 1899), p. 465.
[4] Middleborough Records in *Mayflower Descendant*, II, 158.

and a useful Conversation."[5] Nor was this admiration all within the family, for Judge Sewall thought that the young parson of Middleborough preached excellently.

Mr. Thacher applied this solidity of judgment to business as well as to religion, for he had many secular interests, including a partnership in the Land Bank of 1740 and an active hand in the setting up of the iron-works at Plymouth.[6] Apparently he met with some success, for he backed Thomas Prince's great historical work and owned four slaves. It is tradition that one of these blacks, fresh from Africa, fled to the woods in terror when he saw the parsonage oven being heated, thinking that he was to serve as the parson's roast.

Thomas Prince says that Mr. Thacher had inherited the largest and best collection of the works of the Puritan divines which he ever saw in New England, and that their spirit permeated their owner. That explains why he differs so greatly from the majority of his contemporaries in the pulpit, who were reading the latest Anglican and Lutheran works and even dipping into the books of the Jansenists. Under his guidance his church retained articles of faith which contained an unfashionable load of theology. Like the fathers "he was noted," said Prince, "for a free, bold and faithful Reprover to all Sorts; which was the chief Thing that rais'd him Enemies."[7] That statement bears out the tradition that when late at night he met the town physician coming out of the tavern, he beat him with his cane by way of reproof.[8] Although generous and hospitable, he had the laconic and stern manner of the preceding century.

In proper Seasons he could unbend his Mind and divert his Friends: But his habitual and prevailing Temper was great Seriousness and Solemnity: And the older he grew, the more he grew in Sanctity, and the more habitual and strong this Solemnity appeared in his Countenance, Converse & Behaviour.[9]

His one notable concession to the times appears in a note to a "Reverend and Dear Brother." "If you have Opportunity pray'

[5] *Christian History*, II, 78.
[6] Otis, Hutchinson, and Oliver Mss. (M. H. S.), *passim*.
[7] *Christian History*, II, 80.
[8] Zachariah Eddy, *Book of the First Church of Christ in Middleborough* (Boston, 1852), p. 28.
[9] *Christian History*, II, 78-9.

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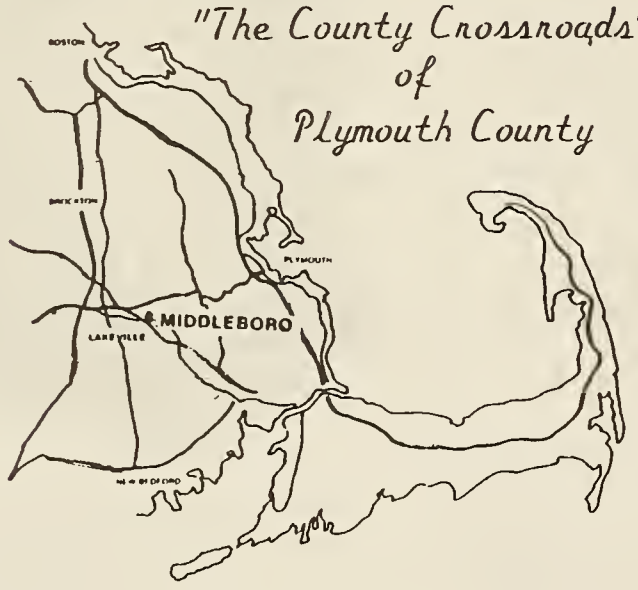
MIDDLEBOROUGH,
Plymouth County,
Massachusetts

"The County Crossroads" .
of
Plymouth County



bring me A good small Wigg. . . . N. B: my head is much bigger than yours is." [10] As a conservative he had little to do with Harvard, although when son Peter was refused admission once or twice, he wrote feelingly about the ancestral "Alma Mater" and threatened that if Peter were rejected again he would send him to Yale, which took "many much Inferior" scholars.[11]

The Middleborough church had all the distempers common to the times. The dispute over the introduction of singing by note is reflected in a vote that the minister should set all the tunes, which was a wise decision since, as Thomas Prince records, "he usually sang with all his Might." [12] A parson like this was an asset, for those of the congregation who disliked the tune set sometimes ignored it and bellowed the one they preferred at the top of their lungs. Between the growing indifference to things religious and the splitting off of two parishes from Middleborough, the minister became so depressed that Thomas Prince was worried about him:

> He was so dejected, on Account of the Unsuccessfulness of his Ministry; that every Time I went thither, he wou'd be discoursing with me about laying it down: His Hands seem'd to hang down, and his Knees feeble: and I think it was the last Time I was there . . . when he told me, "He was so near the Point, that he thought he should have taken Leave of his People before then, but that he cou'd not satisfy himself with a suitable Text for his farewell Sermon.[13]

In the same vein Mr. Thacher wrote to Nathan Prince (A.B. 1718):

> The perplexing Cares & Tryals & temptations of an Evil world, render it not worth living In any longer than we are prepared ourselves for a better . . . for my own part I am ashamed of my nonproficiency Under sore Tryals which abound daily, my way is so dark I know not what steps to take next . . . 28 of the male Brethren out of 52 are withdrawn from mee petitioning for A New Township.[14]

Among Mr. Thacher's troubles he mentioned the approach of the revivalist Gilbert Tennent, of whom he had heard sad

[10] Ms. letter, Apr. 23, 1723 (N. Y. Hist. Soc.).
[11] Letters and Papers, 1721–60 (M. H. S.), 71. J. 109.
[12] *Christian History*, II, 79.
[13] *Ibid.*, 83.
[14] Cotton and Prince Mss. (Boston Public Library), p. 31.

things from his fellow ministers; but none the less he "rode six Miles out of Town to meet with him in his Way from Plymouth." [15] The great light burst upon Saul when he was on the road to Damascus, and upon Peter Thacher when he heard the words of the revivalist, bringing back memories of the gospel of the grim Puritan preachers under whom he had sat as a youth. So while his fellows tried to check the course of the Great Awakening and were swept from their pulpits, he plunged in and swam with it, his mouth "fill'd with Laughter and his Tongue with Singing." From a hill from which he had been wont to observe how empty of a Sabbath morning were the five roads that led to the meetinghouse, he now with joy watched the hurrying crowds. While most of the Congregational ministers were fighting to keep their churches out of the hands of lay elders and itinerant preachers, Mr. Thacher was upholding the popular side. He advocated freedom of judgment for the laymen, "especially the Liberty of searching the holy Scriptures, judging for themselves and enjoying their Consciences in religious Matters; of Meeting both publickly or privately as they judge best, for religious Exercises; and of asking any able, orthodox and godly Minister of Christ to come to their Houses and discourse and pray and preach Christ in them, and of opening their Doors to all Comers." [16]

In his great joy Mr. Thacher worked beyond his strength. Taken sick with "a strangury," he redoubled his labors, preaching eight times in one week. Dysentery quickly developed, and "in the Night after Lord's Day," April 22, 1744,[17] "about half an Hour after eleven, he expired, to the great Lamentation of his own dear Flock, and Multitudes of other pious People, both in this and the neighbouring Governments." [18] At his funeral there was "such an extraordinary Confluence from the neighbouring Towns, as was never seen in the Place before. . . . nor cou'd they all get in" the meetinghouse. "When we came out," wrote Thomas Prince, "the Door of the Coffin was open'd, and many must see him again: When set on the Edge of the Grave, it lay there some Time, and they seem'd to be loth to let him down." [19]

[15] *Christian History*, II, 88.
[16] *Ibid.*, 82.
[17] *Boston News-Letter*, Apr. 26, 1744.
[18] *Christian History*, II, 86.
[19] *Ibid.* For a eulogy by Gilbert Tennent, see *ibid.*, II, 285.

Mr. Thacher was fortunate. He died in time to be canonized as one of the saints of the revival which was then at its height, but which soon collapsed. His congregation split up, throwing off Old-Light and Baptist churches.

The Thachers had ten children, all but the youngest surviving their father: (1) Mary, b. Nov. 22, 1711; "m. Nathan Stone, A.B. 1726, in 1734." (2) Mercy, b. Apr. 9, 1714; m. Nathaniel Foster; d. 1745. (3) Peter, b. Jan. 14, 1715/16; A.B. 1737; minister of the East Church of Attleborough. (4) Samuel, b. June 10, 1717. (5) Susanna, b. June 22, 1719; m. Samuel Tucker of Milton; d. Dec. 1747. (6) Thomas, b. May 13, 1721; d. Dec. 10, 1744. (7) John, b. Apr. 27, 1723. (8) Oxenbridge, b. July 12, 1725; d. June, 1776. (9) Moses, b. Oct. 22, 1727; d. Nov. 1747. (10) "Thedora," b. Oct. 12, 1729; d. young.

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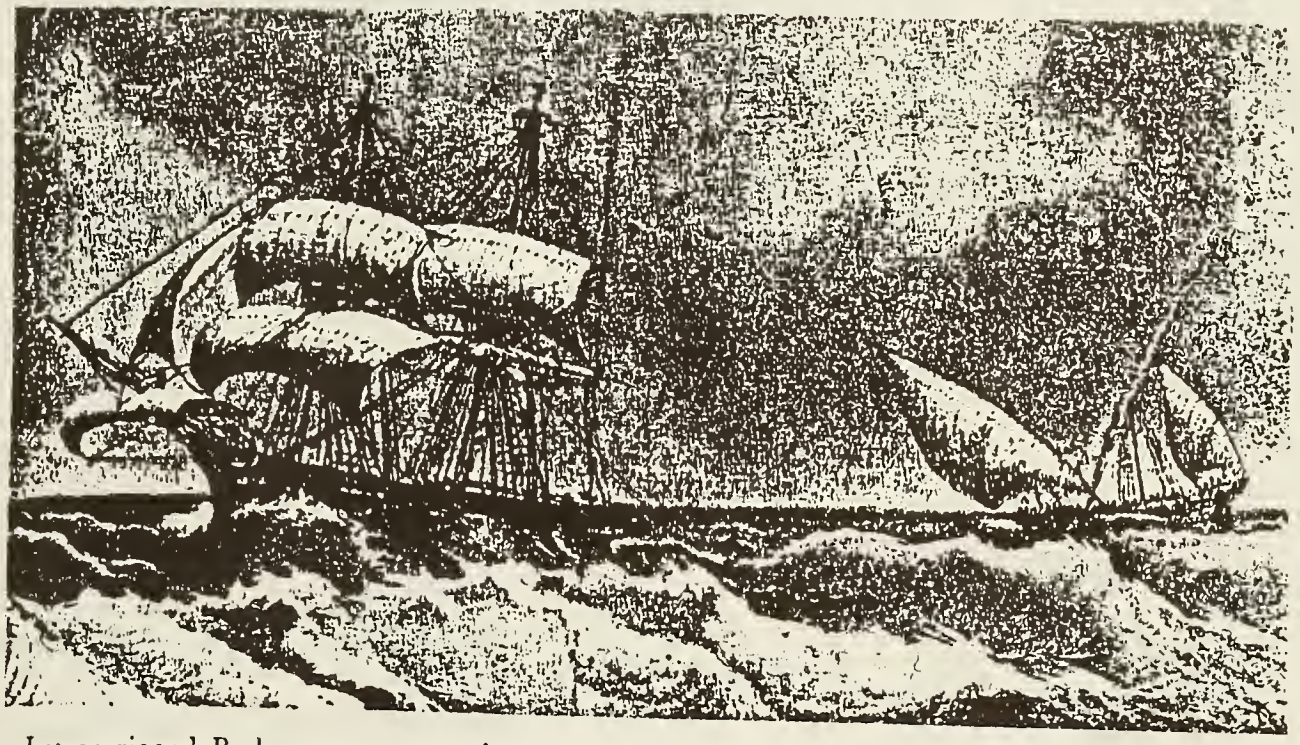
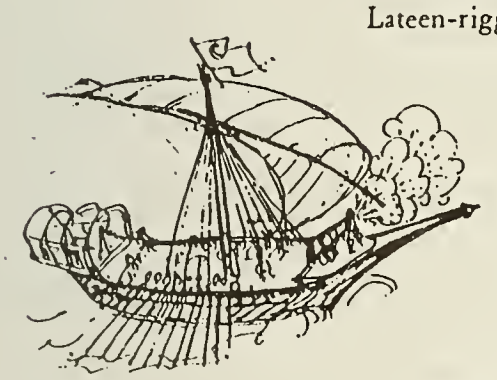
On the following pages: Two of Peter[5] Thacher's Cousins Held Captive in N. Africa!

COUSINS CAPTURED BY MOORISH PIRATES HELD CAPTIVE FOR RANSOM IN MOROCCO!



Lateen-rigged Barbary rover, pursuing a merchant brig (about 1790). / *From a painting by F. Perrot, B. N., Paris*



REV. PETER[1] THACHER
(1545-1624)
of Queen Camel, Somerset, England
– wife unknown –

REV. PETER[2] THACHER
(1587-1640)
of St. Edmunds, Salisbury, Wiltshire, Eng.
and First Wife, Ann (Allwood?)

REV. THOMAS[3] THACHER
(1620-1678)
First Minister of Old South Church, Boston
and First Wife, Elizabeth Partridge

THOMAS[4] THACHER
(1648-1686)
of Weymouth & Boston, Massachusetts
and His Wife, Mary Savage

THOMAS[5] THACHER
(1673-1723)
Mariner, of Boston, Massachusetts
First Wife, Margaret Haywood
Second Wife, Katherine T. Everton
– No children –

Held Captive at Mequinez, Morocco at same time as his cousin, Thomas[4] of Yarmouth, who died. Thomas[5] of Boston was released.

ANTHONY[2] THACHER
(1588-1667)
of Yarmouth, Massachusetts
and second Wife, Elizabeth Jones

JUDAH[3] THACHER
(c1640-1676)
of Yarmouth, Massachusetts
and His Wife, Mary Thornton

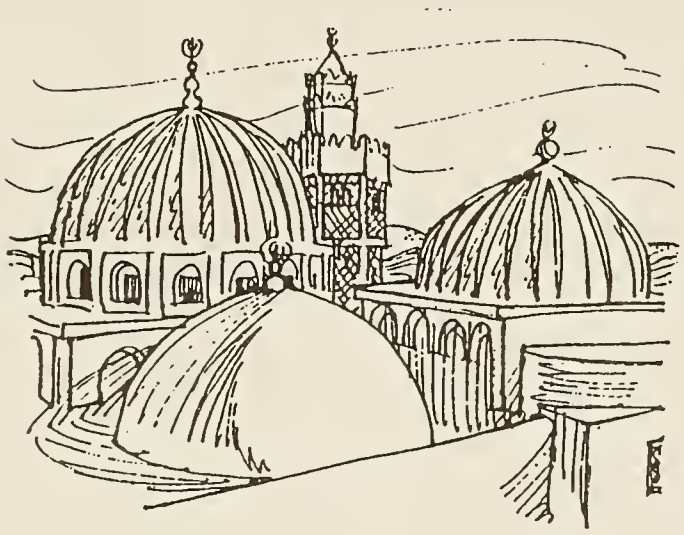
THOMAS[4] THACHER
(1669-c1702)
Mariner, of Yarmouth, Massachusetts
Died Unmarried at
Mequinez, Morocco, N. Africa

Thomas[4] Thacher of Yarmouth and his cousin Thomas[5] Thacher of Boston were captured by the Moors as early as 1694. Ransom was raised, but he died sometime previous to his release, scheduled for June 1702.

These events took place during the reign of "The Terrible Lion", Sultan Moulay Ismael (1646-1727).

Excerpt from John Reynolds Totten's THACHER-THATCHER Genealogy

THE AFRICAN CONTINENT



Page 153: THOMAS⁴ THACHER

THOMAS⁴ THACHER (Judah,³ Antony,² Rev. Peter¹), born at Yarmouth, Mass., May 18th, 1669; he resided at Yarmouth and was a mariner by profession; he died at Mequinez, Morocco, while held there in slavery by the Moors, date of death previous to June 17th, 1702; he was probably buried in Mequinez. We have no record of his ever having married and he is presumed to have died single.

Thomas⁴ Thacher came of age May 18th, 1690, and according to the terms of the settlement of the estate of his father Judah³ Thacher he received his father's house and one-half of the land most convenient thereto. Inasmuch as Judah³ Thacher inherited one-half of the land of Antony² Thacher, it follows that Thomas⁴ Thacher's inheritance was one-fourth of the real estate of Antony² Thacher, which was a goodly portion for those days.

D. W. Allen in his *Thacher Genealogy*, p. 36, states that this Thomas⁴ Thacher settled in Tolland, Conn., in which statement he is entirely in error. He probably derived this impression from the first part of the MSS. Thacher Genealogy by the Hon. George Thacher. Hon. George Thacher was self-confessedly very ignorant of the records of the descendants of Judah³ Thacher and records the *tradition* that Thomas⁴ Thacher had gone to Tolland, Conn., but never gave any facts in substantiation of such tradition. Lack of knowledge of the descendants of Judah³ Thacher up to a recent date was due to the primary fact that the family became extinct in the male line with the death of Thomas⁴ and Judah⁴ both of whom died not married, leaving no issue. And as they both died long before Hon. George Thacher was born, leaving in their immediate branch of the family none of the name in Hon. George Thacher's day, it is not remarkable that his sole knowledge of them was an unfounded tradition. However, we of more recent times, due to the publication of old records have been able to find out somewhat about Thomas⁴ Thacher.

Probably starting at manhood he chose the sea as a means of livelihood, whether as a sea captain or as a trader does not appear, but as he was of some means it is presumed that he commanded his own vessel. Apparently his calling required voyages to southern European waters as is shown by his fate; as on his last voyage he was captured by the Moors and held a slave in captivity, in Mequinez, Morocco, where he died early in 1702, previous to June 17th, of that year.

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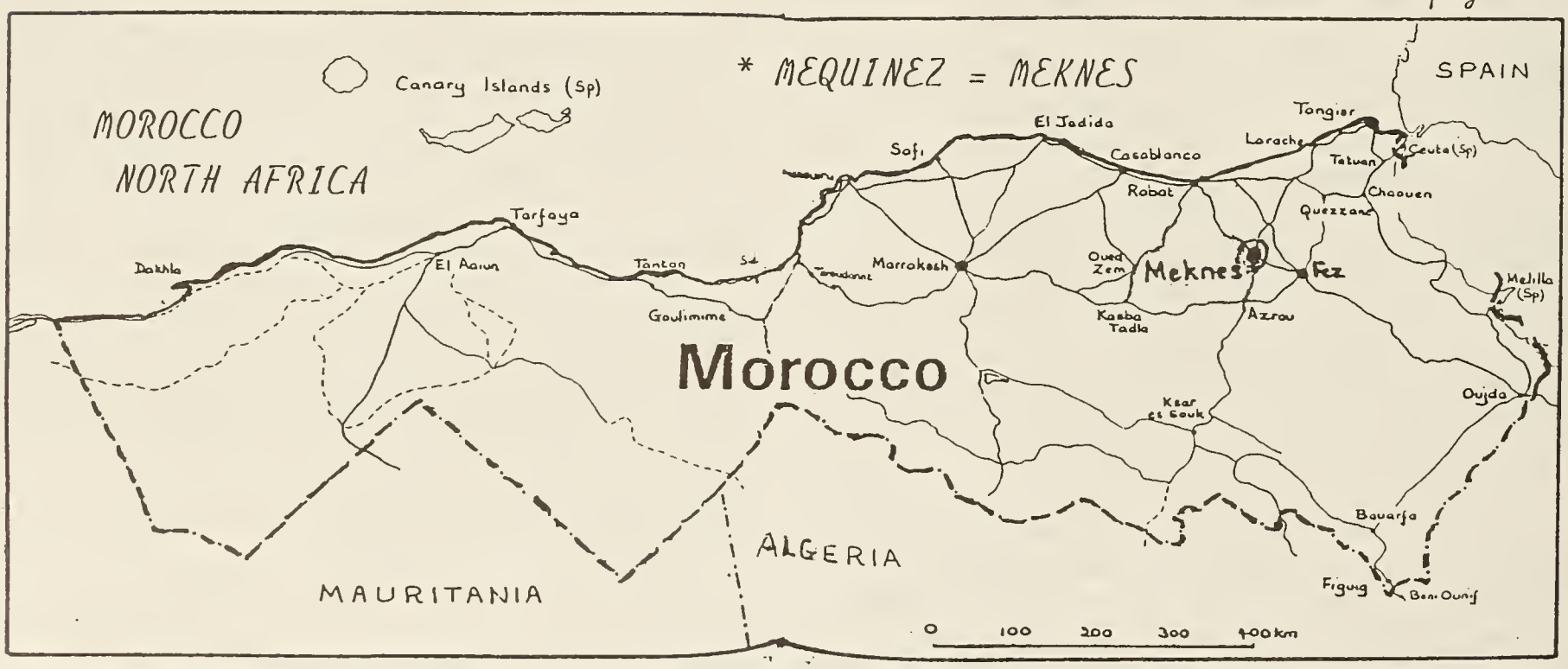

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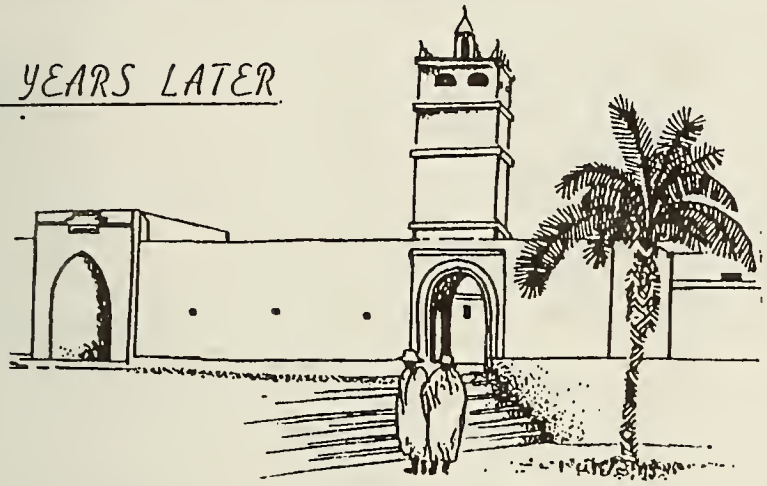


1984: COUSIN JERRY VISITS 1690's PRISON OF HIS FIRST COUSIN, SIX GENERATIONS REMOVED!

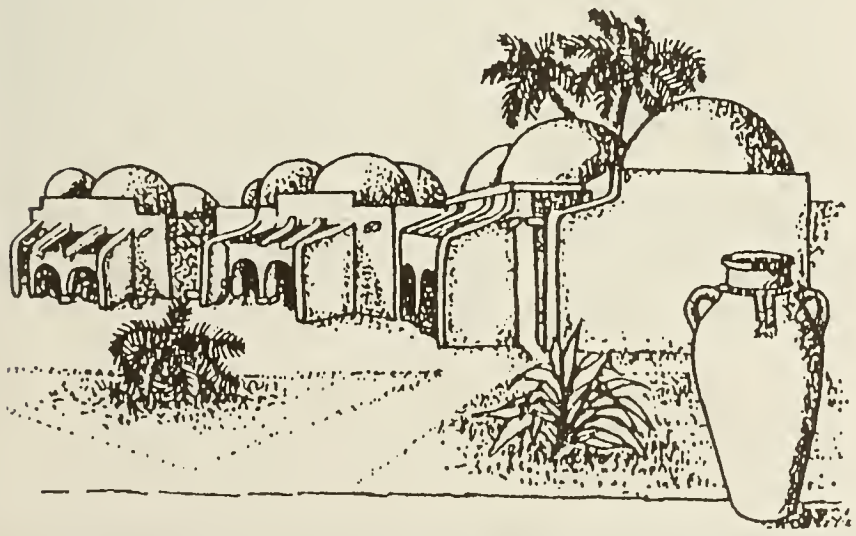
In 1984, Cousin Jerry (Gerald Armstrong Corwin of Salt Lake City, Utah), was impressed upon approaching Meknes, Morocco, by the imposing red walls of the city, formerly, 'Mequinez', where his relative, THOMAS[4] THACHER was imprisoned and died.

Jerry wrote: "Our guide led us by flashlight down a narrow flight of stairs, utter darkness around us... He explained that the prison had only three entrances...the one we had just entered, the 2nd 8 Km from us (about 5 miles), and the 3rd, 5 Km (3 miles) from the 2nd! At one time, as many as 60,000 captive 'guests' were incarcerated here!

He led us 20 to 30 feet further into the chamber, stopped me abruptly, and said not to bump my head. He had stopped me within a few inches of walking into the lintel over the doorway... I wondered at the time whether anyone was worrying about poor Tom Thacher's head when first HE entered here!"

"I did not know of Ismail's Moroccan Versailles at that time, so we proceeded on our way...

Not a pretty story: The pirates and the heathens prospered; the Christians suffered and died. That is, sad to say, the way it goes sometimes..."



SULTAN MOULAY ISMAEL OF MOROCCO

Moulay Ismael (1646-1727) was Sultan from 1674 to his death in 1727. Historically, he is noted for his psychopathic cruelty, cloaked in religious fanaticism. Possessed of a harem of 2000 wives & concubines, he had 528 sons! From the outset grisly incidents occurred - The display of 10,000 heads mounted on city walls after a battle for example. Two thousand Christian slaves toiled in the building of "The Palace Versailles of Morocco"! The piracy which furnished him with Christian slaves was merely an extension of his Holy War against the infidel!

The Terrible Lion

The terrible emperor, Moulay Ismael. / *Ladreit de Lacharrière*

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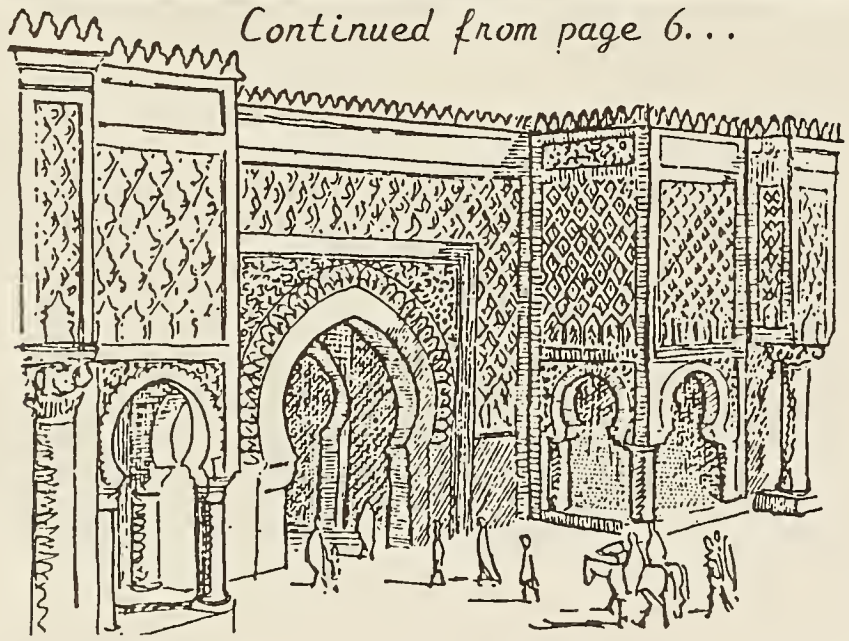
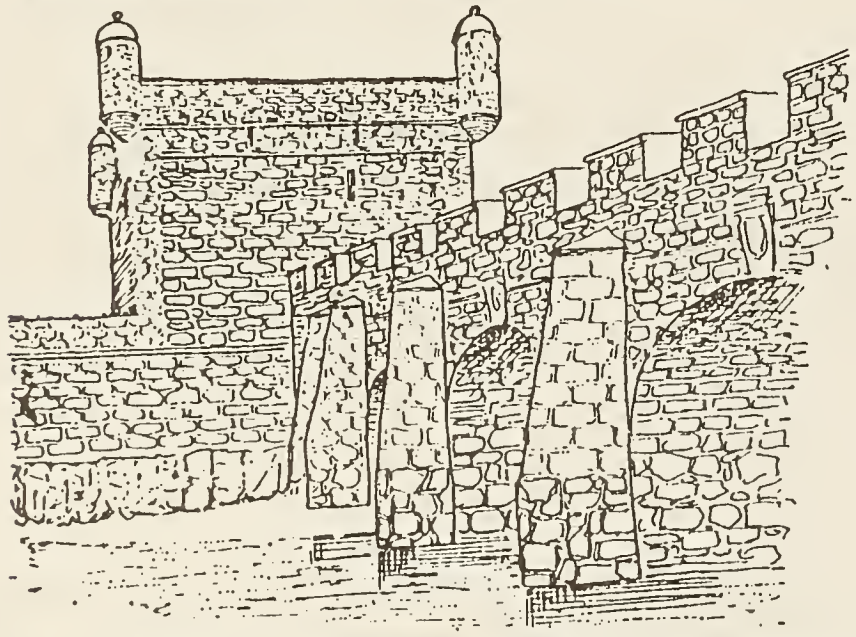


In the *Mass. Hist. Soc. Collections*, vol. i., series vi., there is as I have before noted a series of letters from Sewall to John Ive, probably of London, Eng.; these letters begin October 30th, 1695, and bear largely upon the concerted endeavor then being made in New England to secure the liberation from slavery of Thomas[4] Thacher of Yarmouth, then held a captive by the Moors in Mequinez, and who had as a companion in this captivity one James Ball, at one time of Boston, New England, and later of Bristow, England. This correspondence continues, Sewall from time to time sending money to Ive to be used in the interest of the captives, either in ameliorating their condition or affecting their release by ransom or escape. During all this time Joshua Gee, who about 1696 married Elizabeth[4] Thacher (sister of the captive Thomas[4] Thacher) was largely instrumental in raising the necessary funds, subscribing thereto himself to the amount of £50 towards effecting the release of Thomas[4] Thacher. Joshua Gee had himself previously been a captive slave of the Moors and was released from such captivity previous to September 20th, 1687. It may have been that Joshua Gee had been a fellow captive with Thomas[4] Thacher of Yarmouth, at Mequinez, and after his escape or ransom (it does not appear which), out of friendship for Thomas[4] Thacher became acquainted with Thomas[4] Thacher's family who subsequent to 1691 were living in Boston; and this acqualntance ripening into friendship resulted in the marriage not later than 1696 of Joshua Gee to Elizabeth[4] Thacher, the sister of Thomas[4] Thacher, who was still a captive at Mequinez. However, that may be we have among the papers of Sewall the following account rendered by Sewall of funds raised by Joshua Gee under date of March 29th, 1694, viz:—

"Account of money collected for Thomas Thacher of Yarmouth, given me by Joshua Gee, March 29th, 1694.



By his relatives	£50-00.00
By Joshua Gee	50-00.00
By Miss Copp and Gill	39-15.02
By Hingham	10-17.00
By Barnstable	8-14.00
By Sandwich	3- 8.00
By Eastham and Harwich	16- 5.00
By Judith Thacher	9-11.00
By a friend	7.00
	£187-17-02

Bills of Exchange	£202.10.0
Deduct	187.17.2
Rests	14.12.10."

From this account we see that Thomas[4] Thacher of Yarmouth was in captivity as early as 1694 when the fund was raised. And as news travelled slowly in those days it is more than probable that he had been in captivity some little time before it was known, and the funds raised for the betterment of his condition. It has been asked who was the Judith Thacher who in the above account subscribed £9-11.00. No Judith Thacher that we know of was living at that time, and it has been suggested that Thomas[4] Thacher may have married a Judith ——, who was the party who sent this amount to him to aid in his release. I do not think that this was the case as Thomas[4] Thacher was born in 1669 and was in captivity in 1694, when he was not yet 25 years old, and had been there for sometime in such captivity, and as we have no record of his marriage in the early colonial records, I do not think that he ever married. I account for *Judith* Thacher in this way. It is a noticeable fact that in the records of that period the name Juda (Judah) was often recorded Judith, and *vice versa* Judith was frequently recorded Juda (Judah). My belief is that the Judith Thacher here above recorded as sending the £9-11.00 was in reality Thomas[4] Thacher's brother Judah[4] Thacher, born December 7th, 1676, and who was in 1694 almost of age, and who may have received the authority of the Court to thus subscribe for his brother's ransom. This Judah[4] Thacher was at this date living in Boston, where he joined the Second Church in 1698.

These letters of Sewall to Ive continue and in them as before stated (under the record of Elizabeth[4] Thacher) on November 4th, 1698, Joshua Gee is quoted as speaking of Thomas[4] Thacher of Yarmouth as his (Joshua Gee's) wife's brother; and on June 17th, 1702, in a letter from Sewall to Ive, Sewall states, "I have yours per Captain Foster, giving further account of the return of the captives, and of the death of poor Thacher of Yarmouth, which Anthony Haywood, now come in the *Centurion*, also informed me of." Sewall then goes on to instruct Ive to return the balance of the account in favor of Thomas Thacher[4] of Yarmouth to enable him (Sewall) to return it *pro rata* unto those who gave it. It is not specifically stated whether Thomas[4] Thacher of Yarmouth died in Mequinez during his captivity or soon after his release, but I have assumed from the term of the letter that he died in captivity. The Anthony Haywood, of the *Centurion*, referred to in the letter of Sewall was in all likelihood the father of Margaret Haywood, who married Thomas[3] Thacher (Thomas[4]), of Boston, who was the Thomas Thacher, of Boston, who was a fellow captive in Mequinez of Thomas[4] Thacher of Yarmouth, and who was liberated on or before June 17th, 1702. The John Ive who was Sewall's correspondent, it has appealed to me may have been a relative of the John Ive who was one of the vestrymen of St. Edmund's Church, during the incumbency of Rev. Peter[2] Thacher of Salisbury.

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SOME ANSWERS: PROBABLE ANCESTRY FOR THE THATCHERS OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE IN PHOTOS SENT FROM ROCKPORT, MASS.!

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In May of 1993 Dr. James Thatcher Shaw of Logan, Utah wrote that it appears that the Thatchers pictured are descendants of Richard Thatcher of Chester County, Pennsylvania, who was probably a cousin of Richard Thatcher of Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Leibrandt Thatcher's parents were ALBERT THATCHER, (born 1813 in Delaware & died 1895), and Lydia C. ? .
Their children were:

Emma Thatcher (1835-1911)
Melvina Thatcher (1837-1898)
Matthew Thatcher (1841-1914)
Charles H. Thatcher (1843- ?)
Joseph Leibrandt Thatcher (1845-1886) m. Louisa Augusta Mutchler
& had: Bayard (1878-1963) who m. 1899 Lillie May McCaffrey;
Elsie Venable 1881(unm.); & William Joseph 1884.
John Q. Thatcher (1848-1921)
Albert Thatcher, Jr. (1850-1931)
Duncan Thatcher (1853-1933)

Dr. Shaw cautions that early Pennsylvania records are somewhat sketchy. He believes the ancestry of the above Thatchers is as follows:

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RICHARD THATCHER of Uffington, England & Chester County, Pennsylvania
JONATHAN THATCHER born 1667, Uffington, Berkshire, England
?JONATHAN THATCHER (c1705) of Chester County, Pennsylvania
THOMAS THATCHER (c1750) listed in 1800 Delaware census
THOMAS THATCHER (c1782) listed in 1820 Delaware census, with five children.
ALBERT THATCHER (1813-1895) of Wilmington, Delaware
JOSEPH LEIBRANDT THATCHER (1845-1886) of Wilmington, Delaware
BAYARD THATCHER (1878-1963) of Wilmington, Delaware

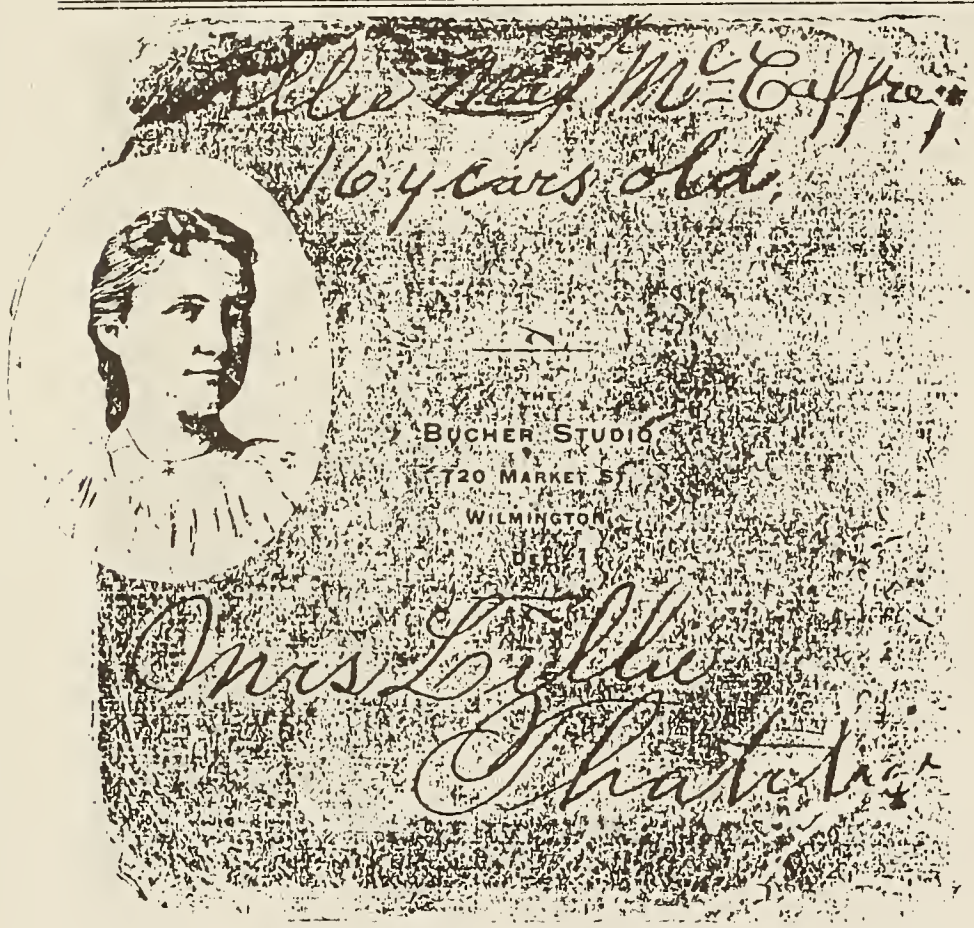
Bayard Thatcher and his wife, Lillie May McCaffrey had two daughters, Gertrude born 1900, who was unmarried and living at Wilmington in 1973, and Leila Marie, born 1901. Gertrude lived with her aunt, Elsie Venable Thatcher, who was also unmarried and living in 1963.

PLEASE NOTE that this family and those on the following pages are no relation to the Yarmouth and the Boston Branches of the THACHER family.

PHOTOS from the Sandy Bay Historical Society of Rockport, Mass. appear on this and following pages, mostly all lacking any inscriptions. We are assured that Lillie M. Thatcher and daughter, Gertrude grace our page 10.

THATCHERS of Wilmington, DE File Cards Copies of over 100 cards were sent by the Historical Society of Delaware so that we may attempt a match with our photos. There are about 50 photos of which we can only share a few on these pages.

Please refer to the records on page 10 in the Spring Issue, No. 14, 1993.



Lillie (McCaffrey) Thatcher - Mrs. Bayard & daughter, Gertrude, age 3 mo. 15 days.

THATCHER, ALBERT E.

The Eleutherian Mills owns a painting, undated, by Thatcher. Painting now in Hagley Museum (1956). The painting was once owned by a Sussex County family and later by Judge Conrad. It was sold to the E. Mills c 1954. Thatcher, draughtsman, is listed in 1892 Directory. P & J Co. Lived at 824 Jackson St. Wilmington

Thatcher, Richard(1)(-1763)
Son of Jonathan(1)Thornbury and Hannah Dicks
Married 1734 Edith Grubb,daughter of Emanuel(1) & Ann Hitchcock Grubb. Died in Lancaster,Penna.
Children:-

1.Thomas	(-1773)	
2.William( )	(1736-1807)	m.1757 Sarah Dickenson
3.Ann	(-)	m.1762 Thomas canby
4.Hannah	(-)	m.1757 Joshua Haines
5.Mary	(-)	
6.Jonathan	(-)	
7.Samuel	(-1776)	m.1773 Mary Wright

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Aston Twp.,Delaware County,Pa.
Thatcher,Thomas(2)(1787-1834)
Son of Joseph & Abigail Worrall Thatcher
Married 1810-11-14 Hanah Palmer
Both buried at Middletown Meeting
Children:-

1.Samuel R.,	(1811-1855)	m. 1847 Sally Ann Webster
2.Henry(1)....	(1813-1813)	----------
3.Abigail.....	(1814-1892)	m. 1833 Sharpless Wollall
4.Isaac(1)....	(1816-1883)	m. 1842 Lydia Williams
5.Eli.....	(1818-1819)	----------
6.Enos(3).....	(1819-1821)	----------
7.		Next Card

Card 2
Thatcher,Thomas(2)(1787-1834)

7.Henry(2)	(1821-1847)	Unmarried
8.Charles P.	(1823-1842)	----------
9.Sarah S.,	(1825-1910)	m.(1)1845 Joel S. Yarnall m.(2)1862 John Hall
10.Hannah	(1827-)	m. 1848 Samuel S. YArnall
11.Elias	(1828-1828)	----------
12.Eliz. W.,	(1830-1836)	----------
13.Deborah	(1832-1836)	----------

1415 Delaware Ave.Wilmington
Thatcher,Albert Garrett(1846-10-21)(
Son of Richard(4) & Rebecca(Cassin)Thatcher
Married 1876-11-16 Mary Hibbard
Born in East Nantmeal
Children:-

1.William Hibbard	(1879-)	6.Mary Alberta	(1895
2.Herbert Spencer.....	(1882-)		
3.Richard Cassin.....	(1884-)		
4.Alfred Haviland.....	(1887-)		
5.Charles Garret.....	(1891-)		

Lived in Darby and Hulmville;moved to Wilm.,Dela. in 1881.Became President of the Cocoa Manufacturing Co.

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Please note that these THATCHERS are in no way related to the Yarmouth and the Boston Branches of the THACHER FAMILY!

For Future Generations:
Please Label YOUR Photos!

Thatcher, Mrs Maple, widow,
baptized with her five children
by Rev R.D Hall, Trinity, June 18, 1820
/ Hannah, adult, b. Oct 12, 1806
2 Mary, Dec 11, 1809
3 William, July 3, 1811
4 Albert, June 16,1813
5 Lewis, Sept 10,1815

Records Swedes Church
Photostats bound
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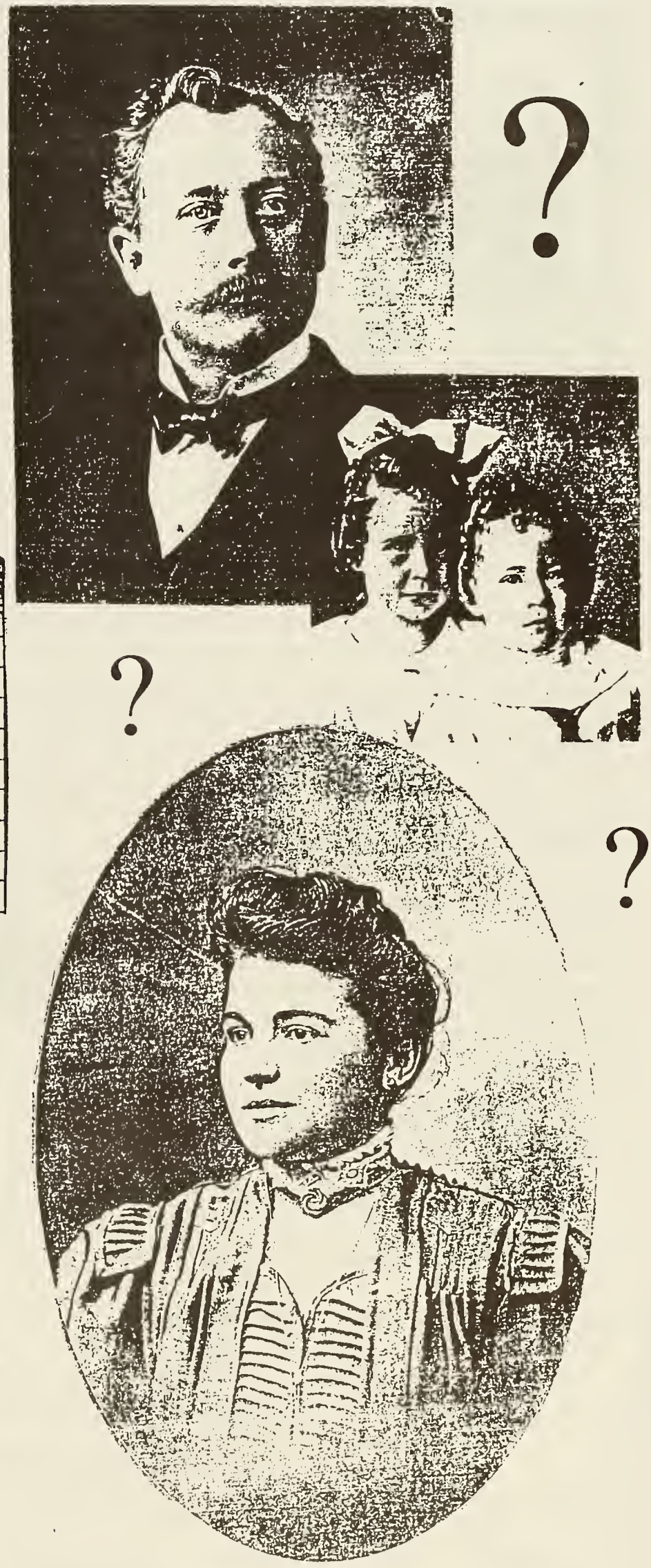
Thatcher, Albert.
Loc. Pr. Minutes 1885. 14
" Deacon. " 1886. 18
Trustee and class leader of Union, Wilm. 1850
(1806 — 1891) Of Mt. Pleasant Ch. near Wilm.
Penin. Meth. Apr. 13. 1895. 11
(1813 — 1895). Loc. Pr. of Asbury Ch. Wilm.
Converted in Asbury, Wilm. Jan. 1844; licensed Loc. Pr. in 1879. — Penin. Meth. May 20. 1893 (or 1895?). 9²
Orig. trustee of Union Ch. Wil 1850. and class leader
KELSO METHODIST RECORDS

THATCHER, ALBERT
Reminiscences: Del. Gaz. and State Journal
Jan. 27, 1894 and Feb. 1/94: Mills and Shipbuilding
Feb. 8, 1894; Feb. 15/94: Wilmington 1824 Shipbuilding Iron, etc.
Mar. 29, 1894: Tornado in Shipyard
Nov. 22, 1894: Local War of 1812
Dec. 6, 1894: Shipbuilding/Brandywine/Commerce
Dec. 13, 1894: Nonmaritime
Jan. 10, 1895: Whaling Company
Mar. 21, 1895: death of Thatcher

[illegible] ALBERT
death. Delaware Gazette and State Journal
Mar. 21, 1895

Thatcher, Albert and William, Lincoln 255
Wilmington Shipbuilders
1843, their wharf was ..
On the Christiana, next the wharf of the Wilmington Whaling Company. Elijah Hollingsworth secured from Thatcher all the joiner and ship-carpentering work, for the Harlan and Hollingsworth Company (no dates given)



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A NOTE found amongst the File Cards sent by the Historical Society of Delaware:

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THATCHER

Grier "This Was Wilmington"
p118 Among the minstrel troupes which always received a hearty welcome were the following: Thatcher, Primrose, and West: ... Thatcher and Johnson ...

THE POSTER owned by Mr. & Mrs. Jack L. Thacher, 213 North Road, R.F.D. 1, (41" x 29", 1889, Forbes Co., Boston & N.Y.) Deerfield, N.H. 03037

IN ADDITION, we happened to learn through a televised documentary that Wild Bill Hickok (James Butler Hickok 1837-1876) was featured as a marksman in a touring circus owned by an AGNES LATE THATCHER!

Please send information on the Thatcher Minstrel &/or the Thatcher Circus to the editor.

Another Mystery from the Files of Old South!

Pictured is a copy of a very old file card mentioning the Portrait thought to be Rev. Thomas Thacher & an apparently missing Large Scrap Book.

I66I Gift

THACHER, Peter I8IO-I894
Portrait, in oil, of Thomas Thacher, first minister of the Old South Church

Given by Peter Thacher ?
Newton, Mass.

East wall (See large scrap book, p.I95.

Old South Association in Boston
The Old South Meeting House
CORNER WASHINGTON AND MILK STREETS

8/8/83

Dear Mrs. Walkowski,

Thank you for your letter. Enclosed is a photo, I hope it is of help.

I called NEHGS and asked them about the scrapbook. None of our scrapbooks over there has 195 pages so we can not figure out what the card is referring to.

Good luck in your further investigations.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Stone
Director

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The Thacher Quarterly

NEW THACHER CELEBRITY SERIES
"THE RECORD KEEPERS"

THE STORY OF OUR CHURCHES
SPRING ISSUE, No. 16

April 1, 1994

Dear Thacher-Thatcher Cousins & Friends,

The compiling of the Spring Issue of THE THACHER QUARTERLY was interrupted by the break-down of the Smith Corona, and time out to quickly learn to operate the 'new' Brother Word Processor! I'm quite pleased with my progress and confident that improvements in the newsletter will be forthcoming! Hope you enjoy the results!

In our 16th issue, we begin a celebration of our Thacher heritage by honoring our Celebrity Ancestors! This feature spotlights "The Record Keepers" in views of an expanding Thacher Celebrity Chart.

From the beginning, we THACHERS were a family of Record Keepers. Our 17th & 18th century clergymen kept the parish record which included events in their own families. Interest in preservation of family records is evidenced in the custom kept by many of writing birth, death & marriage records in the Family Bible. This interest blossomed toward the late 1800's when the first historical, genealogical & hereditary societies in America were founded.

Foremost Record Keeper of The Yarmouth Branch, ANTHONY[2] THACHER, clerk of St. Edmund's Church, Salisbury, England recorded the tragic beginning of his life on American shores in 1635. His great great grandson, HON. JUDGE GEORGE[6] THACHER of Biddeford, Maine compiled what may have been the first Thacher genealogy. (See page 6)

Anthony's learned nephew, the REV. THOMAS[3] THACHER, "Father of The Boston Branch", was grandfather of REV. PETER[5] THACHER of Middleborough, Massachusetts , featured in this issue. This Peter Thacher kept the record of the First Church of Christ of Middleborough for 35 years, from 1709 to 1744.

We had scant material on this venerable Thacher ancestor until meeting Cousin Jeffra Rockwell of Ann Arbor, Michigan. Jeffra toured "Thacher Territory" in October 1993 visiting Boston, Milton, Middleboro & Attleboro, Mass.! She sent photos & records from these places in addition to records of her own family who came to Michigan from Harford, Pennsylvania after the Civil War.

Many thanks to Elwood James[11] Thacher, who corresponded with Jeffra Rockwell's great uncles, for sending his biography and Harford, PA commemorative booklet ! Thanks to Jeffra for sending copies from the First Church of Christ of Middleboro, Mass. record, written by REV. PETER[5] THACHER.

Names in the church record are intriguing and include some of the First Purchasers of Middleboro: Alden, Howland, Fuller, Pratt & Tinkham. Now, MY ancestor, EPHRAIM TINKHAM married in 1646, Mary Brown, daughter of Mayflower Passenger, PETER BROWN. Ephraim Tinkham and Henry Wood are reported as the first two settlers at Middleboro where Ephraim was constable in 1681. Ephraim & Mary had 7 sons, some of whom remained at Middleboro to have their family events written in the church record by REV. PETER[5] THACHER!

Ephraim's grandson, EBENEZER TINKHAM married 2nd, JANE PRATT, who joined the church at Middleboro in 1734. Four generations later, his great granddaughter married MOSES WILMARTH[9] THACHER (1823-1882), great great grandson of Rev. Peter[5] Thacher of Middleboro...and they were my great great grandparents!

GENEALOGY: is it a hobby, a science ...or a sport??? We enjoy discovering its twists and turns...and a good genealogical brag!

Until the Autumn Issue when we meet in Attleboro, Massachusetts,

Your Cousin, Nancy

4611 Balfour Detroit, Michigan 48224

YARMOUTH BRANCH EVENTS: Cousin Harry L. Walen, President of the Pilgrim John Howland Society, is a descendant of ANTHONY THACHER'S son Col. John Thacher & 2nd wife, Lydia Gorham, granddaughter of JOHN HOWLAND of Plymouth. **Nancy Caliri, Curator of the JABEZ HOWLAND HOUSE,** is a descendant of ANTHONY THACHER'S daughter, Bethiah and Jabez Howland, son of JOHN HOWLAND of Plymouth.

THE MAYFLOWER QUARTERLY

Nancy Caliri praised for Howland House restoration

NOVEMBER 1993

Curator Nancy Caliri holds the pewter tray she was given for 16 years of devoted service as Harry L. Walen, president of the Howland Society, reads the inscription.

Photo by Robert F. Huber

Members of the Pilgrim John Howland Society honored Curator Nancy Caliri at the annual meeting September 11 and the Friday banquet, giving her several standing ovations reflecting their love, admiration and gratitude for her outstanding work.

She retired after 16 years as curator of Howland House, the only remaining house in Plymouth where a Pilgrim is known to have lived.

President Harry L. Walen praised the retiring curator as the "moving spirit of the 1992 renovation and restoration of Howland House" and presented her with an antique finish pewter tray. "We are very grateful for the expertise of this dear lady," he said.

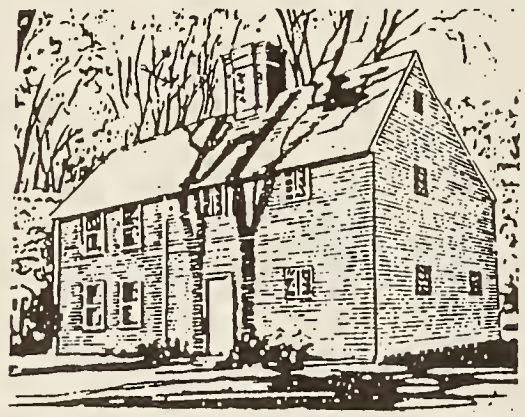
At the annual meeting of the Pilgrim John Howland Society, David Case, president of Plimoth Plantation, hailed Nancy for her accomplishments at Howland House and also for taking a leadership role as a member of the Plymouth Historical Alliance.

Nancy was presented with a cymbidian orchid corsage at the Friday night dinner and also a bouquet from the guides at Howland House.

For almost half a century Howland House suffered from neglect until Nancy took over as curator. Under her supervision and loving care it has been restored to a fine example of 17th century architecture.

Very shortly after moving to Plymouth, Nancy Caliri became the first in-town curator of the Howland House. In addition to her abilities for the job, she is a descendant of Jabez Howland, original owner of the house.

The daughter of a prominent architect, she is a graduate of one of the first schools of interior decorating in the country, augmented by courses in architecture at M.I.T. She was admitted to the American Institute of Decorating in 1949 and worked successfully until her retirement, at which time she started restoring antique houses.



Some years ago, Nancy inaugurated the open house celebration of Thanksgiving which was shortly followed by other 17th century houses, now a popular tradition in Plymouth.

John Howland and his son Joseph built farms at Rocky Nook in Kingston, the next town. When John's house burned, he came into Plymouth to live with his son Jabez while he rebuilt the Rocky Nook farm which burned again some years later.

In 1956, Nancy was very interested in the archaeological excavation that was taking place at the sites of the Howland farms and she was eager to locate the artifacts. Nobody seemed to know where they were. She hunted for several years and mounted a meaningful exhibit at the house.

In 1988 the window and clapboards which had been suffering from rot and wear and tear of the New England weather for 50 years, were replaced, with the original window glass being preserved.

More recently she has coped with the state when the road was widened. She worked diligently overseeing the wall that was built, and ascertaining the true boundaries of the property, while at the same time designing and supervising the grading and new planting of the upper terrace.

Nancy Caliri lives in Plymouth with her husband in a historic house. She is a member of the Antiquarian Society, Plymouth Historic Alliance and the Plymouth County Development Council.

Howland House is open to the public, with costumed tour guides greeting visitors seven days a week from May 30 to Mid-October and on Thanksgiving weekend.

Harry L. Walen, president of the Pilgrim John Howland Society, pays tribute to John Howland at wreath laying ceremony ■

Mr. Walen's home in Rockport Mass. enjoys a view of Thacher Island, from whence he named it "Thacher Hoe"!

Harry L. Walen: "Thacher Hoe" 15 Penzance Road, Rockport, Mass. 01966. See Chart #1.

THACHER QUARTERLY

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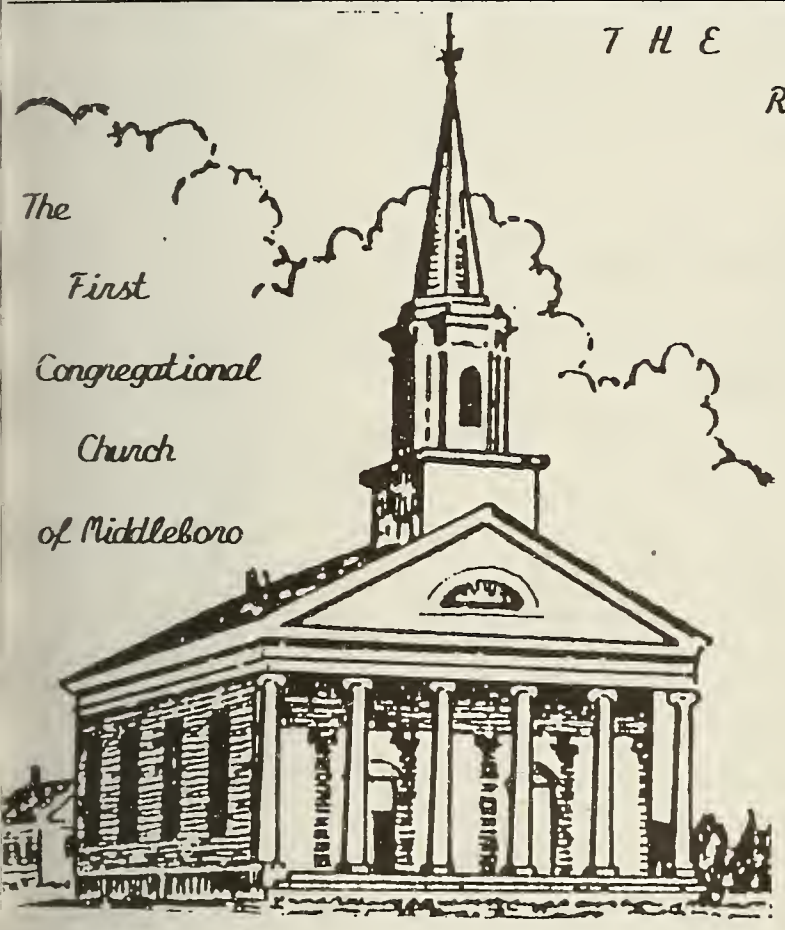
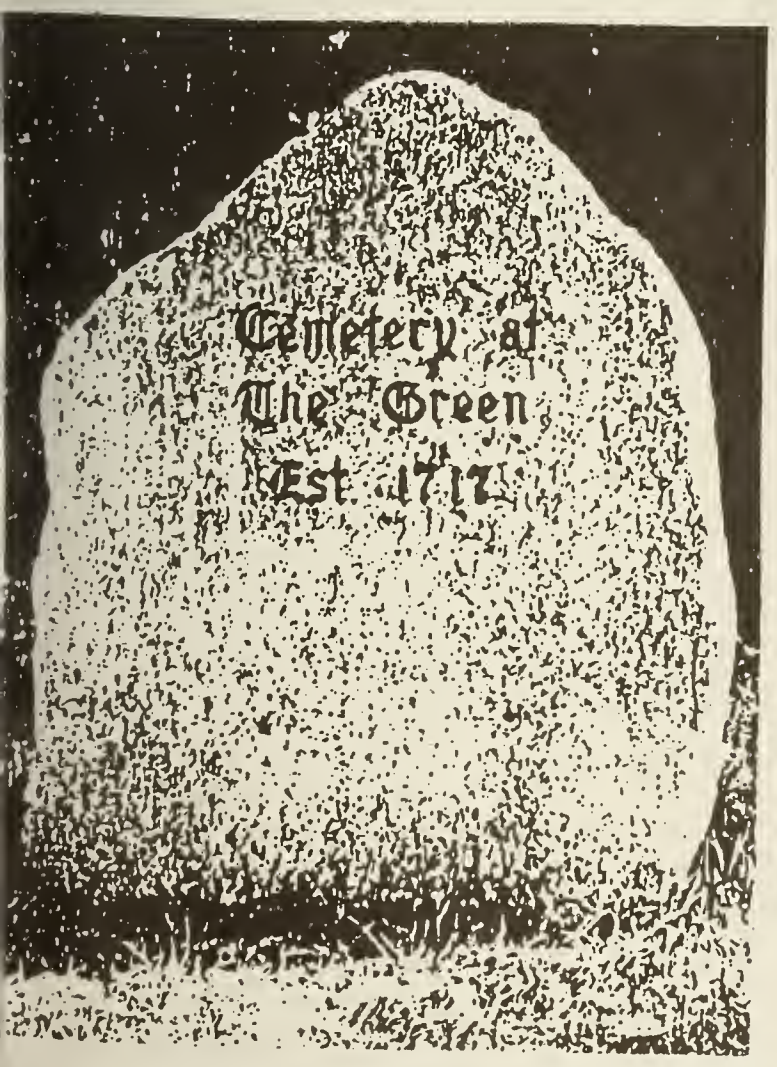




THE CHURCH AT THE GREEN

REV. PETER[5] THACHER, Pastor 1709-1744

A Page from:

A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBORO

by Thomas Weston, 1906

THE GREEN 313

In early times, one of the most notable buildings in the neighborhood of the Green was the first parsonage, known as the "mansion house," on the site of the dwelling now occupied by William W. Wood. It was probably built about the time of the organization of the church, and remained until 1780, when it was destroyed by fire. With the exception of Oliver Hall, it was considered one of the finest houses in the town; built with four gable ends, its rooms were spacious and high studded, and its front door opened into an enclosed yard.

PETER THACHER,[1] the first minister to live here, was born October 6, 1688, and was graduated from Harvard in 1706. He had an excellent library, was a diligent student, and one of the most learned men of his time. He married, January 25, 1711, Mary, daughter of Samuel Prince. She was known as "Madame Thacher," and was a woman of intelligence, of great help to the church, and noted for her benevolence.

Peter Thacher

The mansion house was used as a place of worship by Mr. Conant while the third meeting-house was being built, and it was here that he entertained Whitefield on his memorable visit to Middleboro in 1746. In this house also lived Samuel Prince,[2] one of the most prominent men in the colony. He died in 1728, and was buried with distinguished honor between the two large trees now standing at the west end of the burying-ground. His body was afterwards removed to the family tomb. Nathan Prince, his son, was a member of the First Church, and after graduating from Harvard, became an Episcopal missionary. "He was the author of a book on the Resurrection of our Lord, and of another on the government of the College, both of which were in great estimation."[3] Mrs. Prince was a daughter of Governor Hinckley of Plymouth Colony.

[1] See *History of the First Church of Middleboro*, p. 36.
[2] *Ibid.* p. 56. He came to Middleboro in 1723.
[3] Allen's *American Biographical Dictionary*, p. 683.

THE BOOK OF THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST AT MIDDLEBOROUGH, 1852

That part of Middleborough which is now the 1st precinct, was purchased of the Indian sachem Wampatuk in 1662 by 26 men and confirmed by the government of Plymouth colony in 1663, with some other purchases made of the sachem, Nemasket. The town was incorporated in 1669 and sent deputies to the court at Plymouth. But in 1675, the Indian war broke up the settlement and the purchasers returned to Plymouth.

In 1679 they returned to Middleborough with their minister, Rev. Samuel Fuller and made a permanent settlement. In their re-organization they mention the loss of their records when their houses were burned by the Indians.

The Original 26 Purchasers:

John Thompson	Moses Simmons	Isaac Bowland
Samuel Barrows	Francis Coombs	Samuel Eaton
Samuel Fuller	Francis Billington	John Morton
George Soule	Nathaniel Southworth	Samuel Eddy
Ephraim Tinkham	Samuel Pratt	Henry Wood
George Vaughan	William Nelson	John Shaw
David Thomas	Jacob Thompson	John Cobb
Francis Miller	Jabez Warren	John Howland
Edward Bump		John Alden

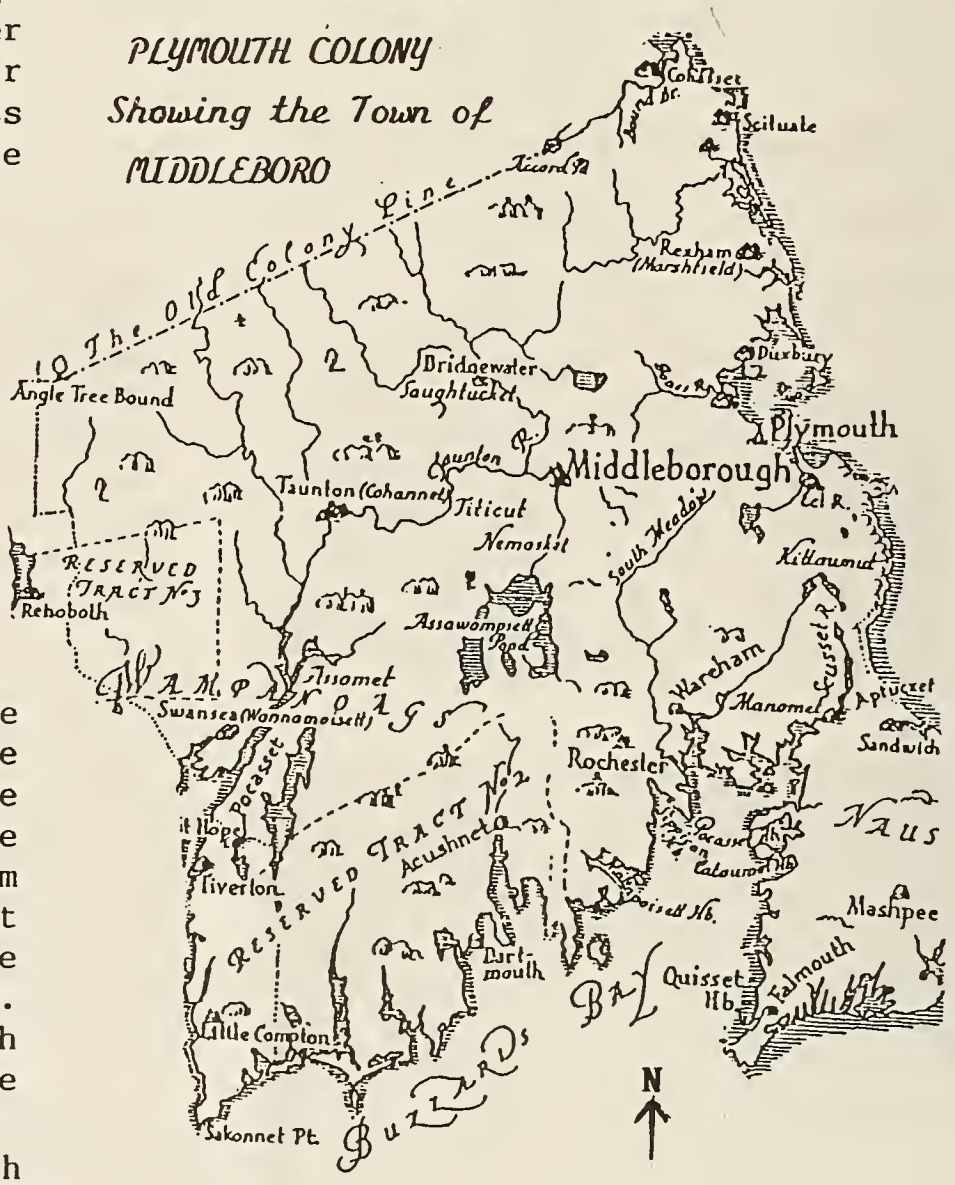
Considerable exertions were made by some of the early settlers to Christianize the natives and at Middleborough these efforts were attended with a good degree of success. Nemasket was a mile from the present meeting-house of the first precinct, southwesterly, an Indian village of that name on a river of the same name. No doubt the "Namaschucks" worshipped with the first settlers and by 1694, had become extinct or had migrated.

The town is about 14 miles on the South and about the same to its North line. It contains more than 100 square miles and is, in extent of territory, the largest town in the Commonwealth.

The first meeting-house was between Mr. Fuller's and 'The Green', and was sold in 1701, the town having the year before built a meeting-house on the 'Lower Green' "36 ft by 30 and 16 stud". It had two ridge poles and four gable ends. In 1745, the roof was taken off and a pitched roof put on. The meeting-house on the 'Upper Green' was was built the same year, the parish having been separated into two meetings, the 'Old Lights' or "standing party" & 'New Lights', or "revival men." In 1755 the church was united under Mr. Conant. The present meeting-house was dedicated on January 6, 1829. (Still "The most beautiful church in New England" in 1994!)

The church was organized and Rev. Samuel Fuller ordained pastor Dec. 26th, 1694. On Mr. Fuller's death ministers were successively invited to supply the pulpit.

A Portion of the Map of
PLYMOUTH COLONY
Showing the Town of
MIDDLEBORO



In 1696, MR. Thomas Palmer was engaged and ordained in 1702, but was later charged with 'misbehavior' and intemperance. In 1706 the council voted "to seek out a man for the supply of the ministry", and in 1707 the selectmen were authorized to agree with Mr. Peter Thacher. He was ordained Nov. 2nd, 1709 and his ministry continued from this time until his death in 1744.

He was a son Rev. Peter Thacher of Milton and grandson of Rev. Thomas Thacher of Weymouth, subsequently first minister

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With Information from Thomas Westin's HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBORO, 1906

of the Old South Church, Boston. His great grandfather was a Puritan minister in Salisbury, England.

Mr. Thacher, the pastor of this church, was graduated at Harvard College in 1706 at the age of 17. About a year from that time, he began to preach to this church in circumstances of great difficulty, inasmuch as Mr. Palmer continued to preach in a private house to a portion of the people.

But Mr. Thacher came to this place in the spirit of his master. His aim was to preach the gospel, and so highly did he commend himself in that character that on June 30, 1708 he was chosen by the church as their pastor before he was 20 years old.

Mr. Thacher brought to the work of the ministry a mind of strong powers and highly cultivated by the uncommon advantages he enjoyed under the instruction of his reverend father, whose library is said to have been furnished with the works of the learned and pious puritan authors, and whose house was a great resort of the most eminent ministers of the day.

But beside a mind this well disciplined for his work, he had a heart to love it. His soul was deeply embued with the spirit of the gospel; and from inclination as well as from a sense of duty, he gave himself wholly to his work; and truly may itbe said of him that "his profiting appeared to all".

His knowledge of the scriptures was deep; his manner of presenting divine truth to the minds of his people was clear, persuasive and convincing; his addresses at the throne of grace were humble, solemn and ardent; his life was circumspect and eminently christian. As we might expect God blessed the labors of such a man. Under his ministry the church constantly increased for many years in numbers and in strength. (Additions to the church during the ministry of Rev. Peter Thacher were about 466. The original members were 20 in number.)

But toward the close of his life he became much discouraged by what he considered a growing indifference to spiritual things in the church and among the people and seriously contemplated preaching a farewell sermon and leaving his charge. Later, he declared that he should have done it had he not been embarrassed in finding a suitable text.

But this season of discouragement was not long; for in 1741 he saw among the people of his own charge the beginning of that reviving work of God which continued for more than two years. The outpouring of the spirit here was sudden, powerful, extensive and long-continued.

With all the powers of his body, mind and heart he engaged at home and abroad in the work of that memorable revival of religion. (called "The Great Awakening").

He labored in gathering in its glorious fruits till his strength was finally exhausted.

His death occurred on April 22, 1744 in the 56th year of his age, in the 35th year of his ministry, and just before the expiration of the first half-century of the church's existance.

How great a loss was such a man to the people of his charge, and how deeply lamented by them was his death, I need not attempt to tell you.

The gift of such a minister was continued evidence of the faithfulness of God. God had graciously bestowed on this church a truly evangelical ministry.

The exact location of the burial place of Rev. Peter Thacher at Middleboro is not known. The above record states the following: "He was interred in his own tomb then and until recently the only one in the burying ground near his house " and:
"A very full account of this eminent minister of Christ was published by his brother-in-law, the late Rev. Thomas Prince!"

In another account he was "entombed, as was afterwards Madame Thacher and Samuel Thacher, his son, in a family tomb in the parish burial ground. The house in which Mr. Thacher lived was burnt Feb. 3, 1780. Madam Thacher was a grave, intelligent and exemplary matron who died 1771."

Find the Children of Rev. Peter[5] Thacher on the next page...

REV. PETER[5] THACHER, was born on October 1, 1688. He was a son of REV. PETER THACHER (1651-1727) of Milton, Massachusetts, and his wife, Theodora Oxenbridge Thacher.

He graduated from Harvard College in 1706 and was ordained at Middleboro, Massachusetts on November 2, 1709.

He married on January 24, 1710 Mary Prince (1688-1771), daughter of Samuel & Mercy (Hinckley) Prince, then of Rochester, Mass.

They had 10 children:

MARY THACHER, born November 22, 1711, and died November 26, 1795, age 84. She married 1734, Rev. Nathan Stone (1707-1781).
They had sons, Thomas Stone born 1752 and Peter Stone born 1757.

MERCY THACHER, born April 9, 1714 and died December 24, 1745, age 31. She married Nathaniel Foster (1711-1793). They had 8 children: Mary 1736, Mercy 1737, Nathaniel 1739 died, Hannah 1743-49, John, Peter 1745, Susanna died 1746, Nathaniel (2nd?)

PETER[6] THACHER, born January 14, 1715 and died September 13, 1785, age 70. He married November 30, 1749 Bethiah Carpenter (1729-1793), daughter of Obadiah & Bethiah (Lyon) Carpenter of Attleboro, Massachusetts. They had 10 children: Mercy 1751, Peter 1753, Thomas 1755, Obadiah 1757, John 1759, Mary 1762, Bethiah 1764, Moses 1766, Samuel 1768, and Nathan Prince Thacher 1771-1772.

SAMUEL PRINCE[6] THACHER, born June 10, 1717 and died March 21, 1795, age 77. He married first, 1747 Deborah Bennett (1722-1749), and had two children:
Mary Thacher, born 1748 and died 1750, and Peter Thacher born 1749.
He married second, February 16, 1758 Sarah (Cook) Kent (1733-c1774?) and had:
Deborah 1759, Samuel 1760, Phoebe 1762, John Oxenbridge 1765, Nathaniel 1767, and Susanna 1770.
He married third, May 6, 1779 Catherine Stevens and had no children of this marriage.

SUSANNA THACHER, born June 22, 1719 and died December of 1748, age 28. She married Samuel Tucker (1719-1776) of Milton, Mass. and had three children:
Mary Tucker 1745, Susanna Tucker 1747, and John Tucker 1748.

THOMAS THACHER, born May 13, 1721 and died December 10, 1744, age 23 (unmarried?).

JOHN THACHER, born April 12, 1723, and died January 2, 1748, age 25 (unmarried?).

OXENBRIDGE THACHER, born July 12, 1725 and died June of 1776, age 51 (married?).

MOSES THACHER, born October 22, 1727 and died November of 1747, age 20, unmarried.

THEODORA THACHER, born October 12, 1729 and died July 27, 1732, age 3 years.

REV. PETER[5] THACHER died on April 22, 1744 and was buried near his church at Middleboro, Massachusetts. He was 56 years of age.

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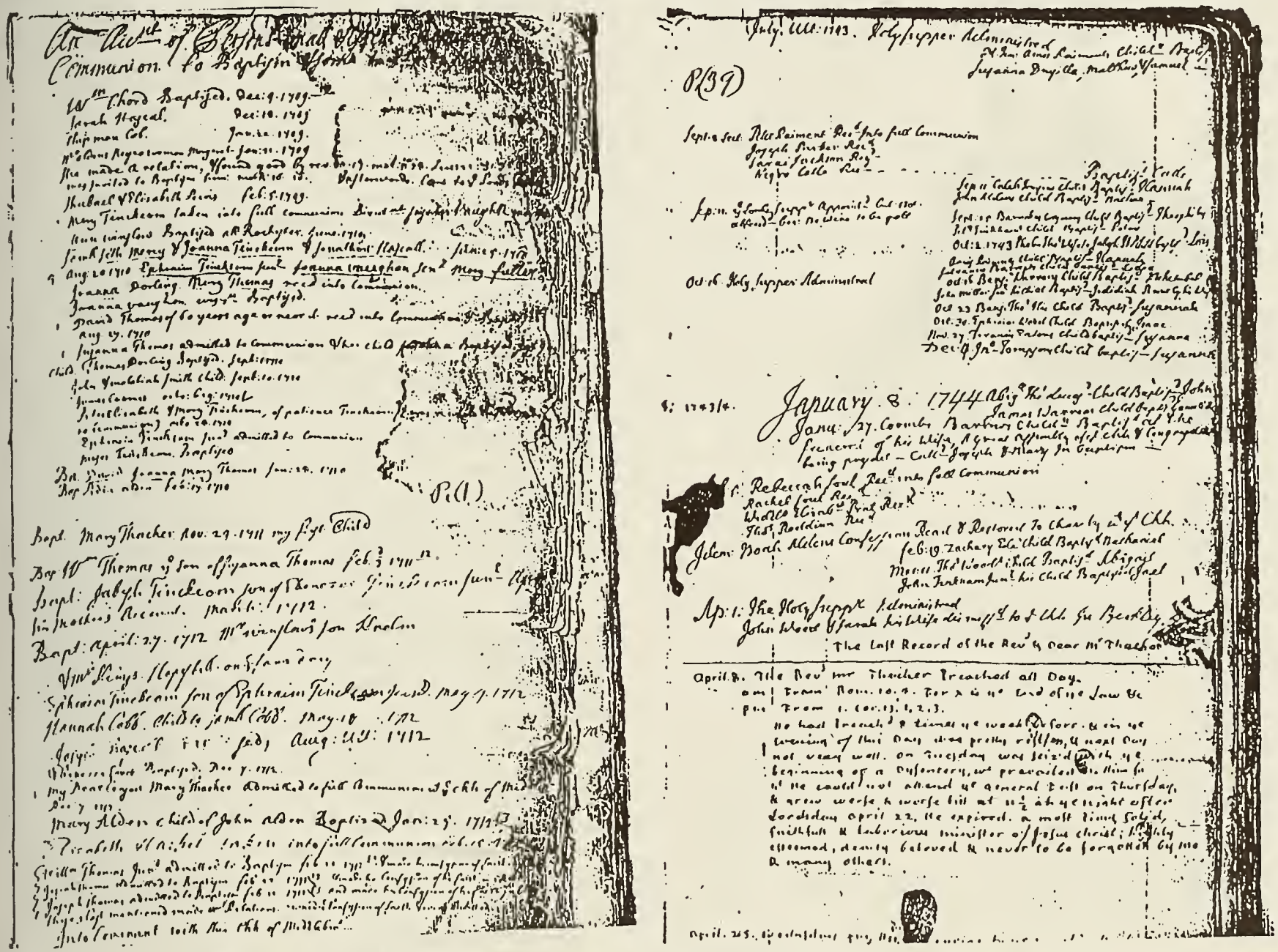
Records of John Reynolds Totten in the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society
Individual Thacher Family Records

In the next issue: Rev. Peter[6] Thacher of Attleboro, Massachusetts

The Record of the First Church of Middleboro by Rev. Peter Thacher includes the baptism of his ten children and Communion given to "My Dear Consort Mary Thacher", written in his own hand. Names in the Record: Tinckcom, Alden, Vaughan, Fuller, Lewis, Barrows,



THE FIRST AND THE LAST PAGES OF THE CHURCH RECORD BY REV. PETER THACHER

April. 8. The Last Record of the Revd & Dear Mr Thacher

The Revd mr Thacher Preached all Day.
am | From Rom. 10. 4. For x is ye End of ye Law &c
pm | From 1. Cor. 13. 1, 2, 3.
He had Preach'd 8 times ye week before. & in ye
Evening of this Day was pretty restless, & next Day
not very well. on Tuesday was seiz'd with ye
beginning of a Dysentery, we prevailed on Him so
yt he could not attend ye General Fast on Thursday,
& grew worse & worse till at 11½ an ye night after
Lordsday April 22, He expired. a most pious, Solid,
faithfull & Laborious minister of Jesus christ; highly
esteemed, dearly beloved & never to be forgotten by me
& many others.

Part I

THE RECORD KEEPERS

HON. GEORGE[6] THACHER (1754-1824)

THACHER FAMILY,

FROM THEIR

FIRST SETTLEMENT IN NEW ENGLAND.

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by D. W. Allen

Information from Hon. George Thacher's Genealogical Collection is included in D.W. Allen's THACHER GENEALOGY, a reference of John R. Totten in his THACHER-THATCHER Genealogy, where the above portrait was found.

[5-11] GEORGE, son of *Lieutenant Peter*, was born at Yarmouth April 12, 1754, and graduated at Harvard College in 1776.

"He was at college cotemporary with King, Gore, Sewall, Dawes, and other distinguished men, who, through life, retained for him sentiments of affection and attachment. Having prepared himself for the profession of law, he began the practice of it in Biddeford, Maine, and was for many years a practitioner. Before the adoption of the federal constitution, he was chosen by the members of the legislature, a delegate to congress, and afterwards was successfully elected by the people a member of that honorable body until 1801, when he resigned his seat, and accepted the appointment of an associate justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, where he remained for more than twenty years. While in congress Judge Thacher was, by no means, an undistinguished member. The debates of that period will show that he took an active part in all the important concerns of the time, and his speeches will be found to contain, in the midst of frequent irony and sometimes sharp satire, much useful information and sound argument.

On the bench of the Supreme Court, Judge Thacher was a faithful and upright public servant. His mind was well stored with legal principles, and his strong memory enabled him to apply them to the question which occurred, with great facility.

He lived a life of patriarchal simplicity. Surrounded by his sons and daughters and their children, and sharing the government of his family upon equal terms, with a most exemplary and excellent wife, his humble dwelling was the abode of peace, love and benevolence. It was also the scene of the most unlimited frugal hospitality, where every human face was received with welcome. Judge Thacher was a man of great and various reading, and was particularly versed in the theological and polemic controversies. This was frequently the subject of his conversation and writings, and his particular friends know that he was a sincere believer in the great doctrines of Christianity—in immortality brought to light by Jesus Christ—in a future state of retribution. He laughed at the disputes which prevail in the Christian church, and perhaps had some peculiar notions; but he was a Christian. It is enough to say that he was a member of a christian church; for no particle of hypocrisy entered into his composition. He was a practical *Christian*, and his whole life would bear to be tested by the gospel, as much as the life of any who have doubted his faith. His life has been a happy one; he wanted nothing but comfort, friends and family love, and he was rich in all these. He never aimed at accumulating property. He had lived for others more than for himself. He died in the humble cottage endeared to him by forty years' familiarity, where everything was the work of his own hands, with the wife of his youth to soothe his last moments, and his numerous children to receive his parting blessing. He has departed in peace with the world, leaving no enemy behind him, and many friends who dwell upon his memory with affection and delight. Eccentricities he had, it is true; but they were innocent, sportive and amusing. No one who had occasion to consult his heart, ever found that erring or trifling; and it may be added, that no man lives, who, with such narrow means, has bestowed more upon the unfortunate."

If on any subject Judge Thacher devoted himself with enthusiastic ardor, it was that of tracing the genealogy of his ancestry, from the earliest period of their emigration to this country. No man could delight more in the contemplation of the characters and peculiar circumstances of his progenitors. He had with the most indefatigable industry collected materials and formed a correct genealogical tree, with all its collateral expanding branches from the original stock, the first Anthony Thacher, having acquired a perfect knowledge of every family and every individual bearing the name, down to the year 1816, and we have availed ourselves of his collection in composing the present sketches. He was married July 20, 1784, to Sarah Savage, of Weston, Massachusetts, and their children were:

[6-11] Samuel P., born April, 1785; died November 5, 1842, at Mobile.

[6-12] Sally B., born 1787, married Joseph Adams, of Sudbury; died 1827.

[6-13] George, born September, 1790; died 1857, at Westford, Me.

[6-30] Lucy S., born 1792, married October 16, 1815, to Abner Sawyer, of Saco, Maine; died August, 1820.

[6-31] Henry S., born June 25, 1794; died ——.

[6-41] Lewis, born January 16, 1796; died at Babylon, L. I., 1830.

[6-54] Anna L., born 1797, married September 20, 1821, to Chas. T. Savage.

[6-56] Josiah, born 1800; died at Biddeford, 1836.

[6-60] Nancy B.

[6-61] Elizabeth J., married August, 1827, to John T. Balch.

Judge Thacher died April 6, 1824, aged seventy years, wanting six days.

Copies from D.W. Allen's THACHER GENEALOGY sent by Carroll Thacher of S. Attleboro, Mass.

Descendants of Anthony[2] Thacher - The Yarmouth Branch

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ANTHONY THACHER, cleric, was Curate at St. Edmund's, Salisbury, where he kept records in 1630/1 & 1634. He came to America in 1635.

COL. JOHN[3] THACHER (c1638-1713) of Yarmouth

Descts of 1st wife Rebecca Winslow:

Descts of 2nd wife Lydia Gorham

HON PETER[4] THACHER
(1665-1726)
of Yarmouth, Mass.
m Thankful Sturgis

LT PETER[5] THACHER
(1712-1775)
of Yarmouth, Mass.
m Anner Lewis

HON GEORGE[6] THACHER
(1754-1824)
Harvard Coll 1776
Patriot b Yarmouth
m Sarah Savage-10 ch
Supreme Ct Judge, Legislator, Abolitionist of Biddeford, ME
Jan 17 & Mar 18 1790 dined with George Washington at N.Y.C. (Diary of Geo Wash NYGBS Collection)
Compiled MSS of THACHER GENEALOGY (NYGBS Collection)
The Harvard Book & H.C. Alumni p124
Biogr. Record of Congress p801
Dict of Am Biogr. Sewell-Trowbridge 1936, v.9 p386/7
Totten p300-304
D.W. Allen, THACHER GENEALOGY p41, 48/9, 50-52, 66
Freeman's CAPE COD v.I, p623

most affectionately
George Thacher

DEAC JOSIAH[4] THACHER
(1667-1701)
of Yarmouth, Mass.
m 2nd Mary Hedge

CAPT JOSIAH[5] THACHER
(1701-1780)
of Norwalk, CT
m 2nd Mary Greenleaf

CAPT JOHN[6] THACHER
(1742-1805) USN
of Stratford CT
m Mehitable Ufford

ANTHONY[7] THACHER
(1782-1844)
of New London CT
m Lucretia C. Mumford
(12 children)

JULIA H.[8] THACHER
(1823-1906)
of New London CT
m Gen James Totten

CAPT JOHN REYNOLDS[9] TOTTEN
(1856-1936)
West Point NY 1878
U.S.A.,Ret 1892
res N.Y.C., New York
Married twice; 3 ch d.y.
1910 Compiled: THACHER-THATCHER GENEALOGY (842p)
100 copies publ by NYGBS (J.R. Totten p758)
Member: New Eng.Hist & Gen Soc (articles in NEHGS "Register")
1906 Librarian & Chmn N.Y. Gen & Biogr Soc (articles in NYGBS "Record")
N.Y Soc Mayflower Descts
New London Co CT Hist Soc
E.J.T. "Boston Branch" v.I, p9

Truly Yours
John R Totten

COL JOHN[4] THACHER JR
(1674-1764)
of Yarmouth, Mass.
m Desire Sturgis

JOHN[5] THACHER
(1703-1783)
of Barnstable, Mass.
m Content Norton

DR JAMES[6] THACHER
(1754-1854)
Harvard Coll 1810
Patriot b Barnstable
m Susannah Haywood
& res. Plymouth MA
Physician, Surgeon, & Author:
MILITARY JOURNAL OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, 1827
HIST OF THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH, 1832
"BOSTON", 1835
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(Quoted in many other histories)

HON JUDAH[4] THACHER
(1693-1775)
of Yarmouth, Mass
m Sarah Crosby

JOHN[5] THACHER
(1739-1799)
of Yarmouth, Mass.
m Hannah Matthews

DEAC MATTHEWS[6] THACHER
(1788-1850)
of S. Dartmouth MA
m Elizabeth Crocker

REV ISAIAH[7] CROCKER THACHER (Yale)
(1788-1880)
Congregational Clergyman served 7 churches in MA
3 wives, 5 ch
1st Moderator of The Old Colony Association
"Genealogical & Personal Memoires of Boston & Eastern Mass." by Wm. R. Cutter 1908 p 900, 901 (Photo)
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MEMORIAL OF ISAIAH CROCKER THACHER
"Congregational Church Quarterly" v.2 p347, v.8 p347 v.9 p168, v.13 p101

Information on other Thacher Family Record Keepers & Celebrities, their Calling Cards & Signatures, sought by editor for this series.

N.T.W.

ELWOOD JAMES[11] THACHER

REV. RALPH[4] THACHER of Duxbury, Martha's Vineyard MA & Lebanon, CT
(1648-1733) m Ruth Partridge

REV. PETER[5] THACHER, Lebanon CT
(1686-1766)
m Abigail Hibbard

LT JOHN[6] THACHER
(1739-1805)
of Lempster NH
m Abigail Swift

PETER[7] THACHER
(1770-1849)
of Hartford CT
m Anne Parks

PETER[8] THACHER
(1808-1888)
of Hartford CT
m Rebecca S. Boardman

JAMES PETER[9] THACHER
(1849-1920)
Carbondale PA
m Flora J Webb

WM PETER[10] THACHER
(1885-1957)
Wilkes-Barre PA
m Minnie Werry

ELWOOD JAMES[11] THACHER
b1907 PA
of Winter Haven Fla - 1994
m Arline Millham (1910-1974) 3 sons
m 2nd 1987 Fritzene Carlson

William Peter[10] Thacher
1885-1957
Minnie Werry Thacher
1887-1971
Elwood James[11] Thacher
1907-

1909

Elwood James[11] Thacher
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D.C.
1940

Elwood James[11] Thacher

Civil Engineer: US Geological Survey

20 Books in US Libraries by 'E.J.T.':

1979: "THOMAS[3] THACHER 1620-1678", 6 vols. Ancestors & Descendants - The Boston Branch

1984/5: "ANTHONY[2] THACHER 1588-1667" 3 vols.

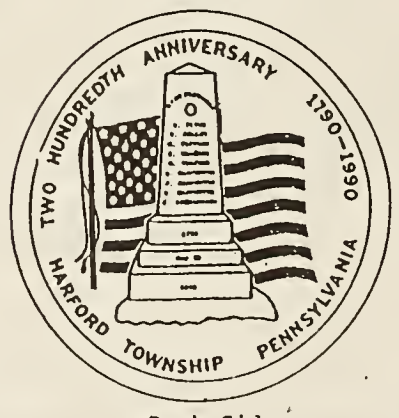
1985: "THACHER ISLAND OFF CAPE ANN, ROCKPORT, MASS, 350th ANNIVERSARY 1635-1985"

1986/7: "HARFORD THACHERS"

1993: "ELWOOD JAMES[11] THACHER BIOGR. RECORD"

'Cousin Woody' visited St. Barnabas' Church twice, bought cobblestones for the new path, restored a chapel & established a trust fund for maintenance. He attended the 700th Anniversary of the church-1991.

Front Side



Back Side

We Thachers owe a debt of gratitude to our cousin, ELWOOD JAMES[11] THACHER who, for almost two decades, has devoted his retirement years to Thacher research, and making the results available to all.

The Commemorative Medals shown at right were designed by 'Cousin Woody' as momentoes of Thacher Family events.

Elwood James[11] Thacher, P.O.Box 2293, Winter Haven, Florida 33884

Descendants of Rev. Thomas[3] Thacher: The Boston Branch

Peter Thacher[5]

REV. PETER[4] THACHER of Milton MA
(1651-1727) H.C.1671
m 1st Theodora Oxenbridge

REV. PETER[5] THACHER of Middleboro MA
(1688-1744) H.C.1706
m Mary Prince

RODOLPHUS[6] THACHER
(1742-1788)
of Lebanon CT
m Mary Cone

HON STEPHEN[7] THACHER
(1774-1859) Yale
of Kennebunk ME
m Harriet Preble

HON PETER[8] THACHER
(1810-1894)
Atty of W Newton MA
& 85 Milk St Boston
m Margaret L Potter
(9 children)
Member NEHGS
1885 published a small genealogy: "THE THACHER FAMILY"
Deposited the supposed Portrait of Rev Thomas Thacher at Old South Meeting House, Boston
NEHGS "Register" 1886 v.40, p21
Totten, p100, 1910
E.J.T. v. 2, p149 "Boston Branch"

REV. PETER[6] THACHER
(1715-1785) H.C. 1737
Patriot-Chaplain of Attleboro MA
m Bethiah Carpenter

PETER[7] THACHER
(1753-1814)
Patriot from Attleboro MA
m Nanny Tyler

DEAC PETER[8] THACHER
(1779-1861)
of Attleboro MA
m 1) Salona Dunham

PETER[9] THACHER
(1812-1880)
of Cleveland OH
m Sarah A. Estabrook
Railroad & Bridge Builder
Mason
Member NEHGS
Collected Thacher Genealogy, Antiquities & Momentoes
NEHGS "Register" 1883: v.37, p3
E.J.T. v.2, p212

PETER[10] THACHER
(1850-1891)
no children
Died at Lake Mary, Orange Co FL
E.J.T. v.2 p264

OBADIAH[7] THACHER
(1757-1838)
Patriot, Attleboro MA
Pioneer, Harford PA
m Elizabeth Richardson

REV MOSES[8] THACHER
(1795-1878)
born Attleboro MA
res. PA, MA, NY, IL
Brown Univ. 1821
m Henrietta Wilmarth
(5 ch b. Wrentham) Mass.
Congregational & Presbyterian Clergyman and Pioneer
Senator: Mass.
Editor: New Eng. Telegraph & the Congregationalist
Chaplain of the New England Anti-Slavery Society, Boston, MA 1831
v.1, p.225 "HIST OF THE RISE & FALL OF SLAVE POWER IN AM." Henry Wilson
E.J.T., v.2, p139
(3rd Great Gr'father of 'T.Q.' Editor-compiler of Chart)

JOHN[7] THATCHER
(1759-1841)
Patriot, Attleboro MA
Pioneer, Harford PA
m Sally Richardson

JOHN[8] THATCHER JR
(1786-1860)
born Attleboro MA
res. Harford, PA
m Sally Moore

EDWIN[9] THATCHER
(1825-1901)
Harford, PA
m Catherine S. Carpenter
Civil War
Settled at Ravenna, Muskegon Co. MI
Educator & School Spt.; Twp Supervisor J.P. & Post Master
E.J.T. v.2, p78
M.H.T. p28

FRANK EVERETT[10] THATCHER
(1859-1937)
of Ravenna MI
m Sarah Bennett
(7 children)
Pharmacist
MI House of Rep.
Post Master
E.J.T. v.2 p78,79

CAPT. SAMUEL PRINCE[6] THACHER
(1717-1795) of Plymouth
m 2nd, Sarah Cook

NATHANIEL[7] THACHER
(1767-1824)
of Hornellsville NY
m Lydia Place

SAMUEL O.[8] THACHER
(1789-1841)
of Hornellsville, NY
m. Martha Hornell

HON. GEORGE[9] HORNELL THACHER
(1818-1887)
of Albany, N.Y.
m Ursula Jane Boyd
1868 compiled a "Genealogy of the Thacher Family"

JOHN BOYD[10] THACHER
(1847-1909)
m Emma Treadwell
(no children)
Mayor of Albany, NY
NY Senator
Author & Bibliophile
1914 Widow gave 400 acres for JOHN BOYD THACHER PARK
Dict Am Biog v.9 p388
HUDSON-MOHAWK GENEALOGIES Reynolds v.2 p592
E.J.T. v.2 p280
M.H.T. p48; GHT Ms p7

Peter Thacher,[10]
Lake Mary Orange County, Fla.
By Peter Thacher[8]
85, Milk Street, Boston.

FENT EDWIN[11] THATCHER
(1886-1962)

MARION HIGGINS[11] THATCHER
(1893-1978)

LYNN EVERETT[11] THATCHER
(1899-1935)

OUR THACHER CELEBRITY SERIES

Our new Celebrity Series includes notable Thachers who were jurists, legislators and public servants; Revolutionary Patriots & officers in the military; educators and clergymen. In addition we'll learn more about those who sought to preserve records of our Thacher Heritage..

Featured in the chart above and on the next pages is the family of EDWIN[9] THATCHER who came from Pennsylvania to Muskegon County, Michigan after the Civil War. His grandson, MARION HIGGINS THATCHER compiled a manuscript from data collected by his brother, FENT EDWIN NAPOLEON THATCHER, a probate judge. This work was entitled, "THACHER-THATCHER, A Record of Descendants of Rev. Peter[1] Thacher 1545-1624", 1967.

The MARION H. THATCHER Record includes the Harford Thacher & Thatcher families and the line shown on our Chart in the far right column, of SAMUEL PRINCE THACHER.

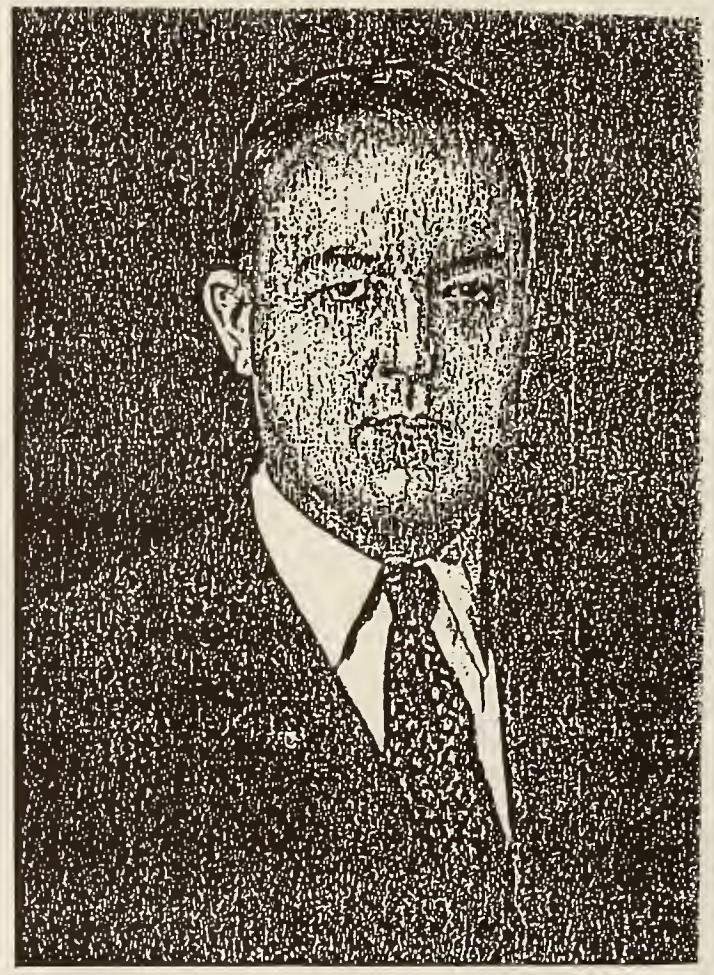
In The Next Issue: THE ATTLEBORO THACHERS

MICHIGAN -CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF THE STATE AND ITS PEOPLE, 1939

FENT EDWIN NAPOLEON[11] THATCHER, judge of probate atMuskegon, was born at Ravenna, April 17, 1886 and is a representative of one of the oldest and most honored families of New England, being a direct descendant of the Rev. Thomas Thacher who was pastor of the Old South Church of Boston in 1678. Since that time representatives of the name have exemplified the highest principles of loyal American citizenship.

The grandfather of the Judge was EDWIN[9] THATCHER, who came to Muskegon County, Michigan from Pennsylvania in 1866. During the Civil War he enlisted in a regiment of Pennsylvania infantry and went to the front in defense of the Stars and Stripes. He died in 1901.

His son, HON. FRANK E.[10] THATCHER, was born at Coudersport, Penn., became a pharmacist at Ravenna where he conducted a drug store for 52 years. In 1891 he was elected to the State Legislature serving on committees that established the Michigan State Library and that formed Dickinson County, Michigan. He married Sarah Bennett, who was born in 1864 at Boston, Mass. and passed away in 1933, while Mr. Thatcher survived until December 1937, his death occurring at age 78.



Fent Edwin N. Thatcher

FENT E.N.[11] THATCHER attended public schools and continued his education at the Michigan State College of Agriculture, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Science degree in 1907 and in 1913, the degree of Civil Engineer. He is listed in "Who's Who in Engineering in the United States" 1922. He has worked at engineering in all branches of government service including township, county, state and national. As district secretary of the American Association of Engineers he organized more than 100 engineering clubs and societies in four different states.

On the 26th of August, 1908, Judge Thatcher married Daisy Grannis, daughter of Squire H. and Katherine (Laubenthal) Grannis, the former a native of Berrien County, Michigan. Judge and Mrs. Thatcher have become parents of a son and a daughter. Garfield G. Thatcher was born July 15, 1909, graduated from Michigan State College and is studying law. In 1934 he married Louise Turner and they have one child, Carol, born 1935.

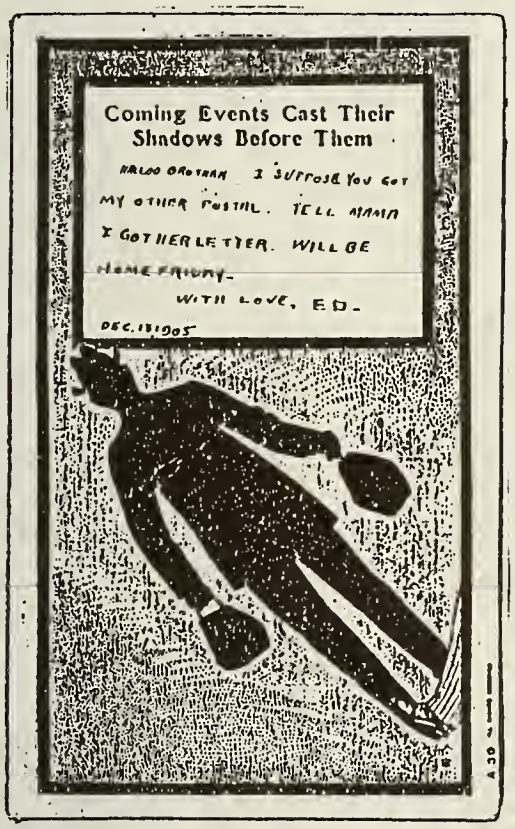
Ruth Bird Daisy Thatcher was born September 1, 1916, graduated from high school in Jackson, Michigan and is now attending Ferris Institute at Big Rapids where she is studying pharmacy. (New subscriber, Ruth Thatcher Wright, now of Tryon, N.C.)

Judge Thatcher has taken seven degrees in Masonry and his wife is a member of Eastern Star. The Judge is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Maccabees, Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Improved Order of Red Men and the Exchange Club.

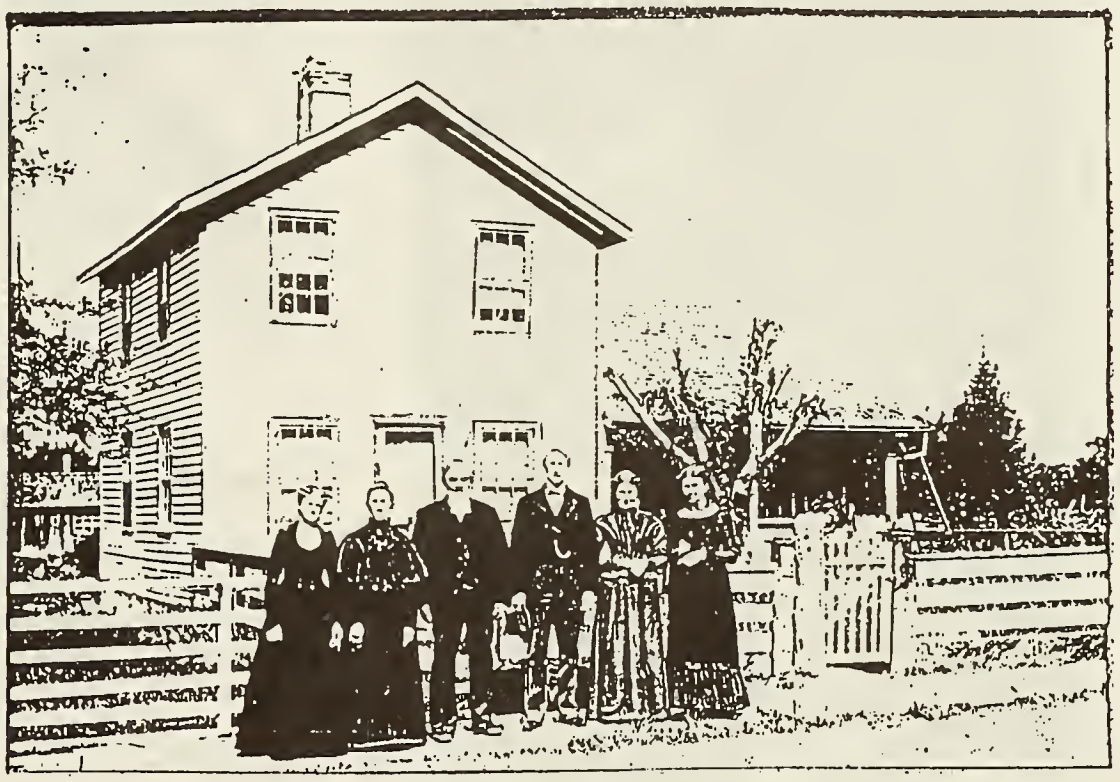
He has long been interested in collecting biographies of prominent citizens in Michigan and now has 42,000 of such, which present a most comprehensive view of the political history of the State.

His life has ever been one of intense activity and step by step he has advanced in the field of intellectual progress and achievement.

THANK YOU, JEFFRA ROCKWELL, for the wealth of material on your Thatchers!



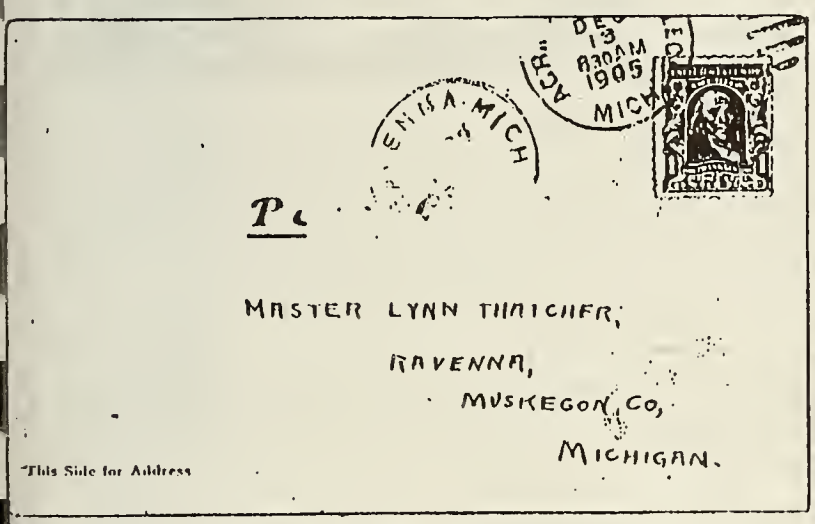
RAVENNA, MUSKEGON COUNTY, MICHIGAN



EDWIN & CATHERINE THATCHER GOLDEN WEDDING, 1894

2nd & 3rd from left with guests
in front of their home at Ravenna, Mich.

They came from Harford, Twp, Pennsylvania and were descendants of the Attleboro, Massachusetts Thachers and Carpenters.

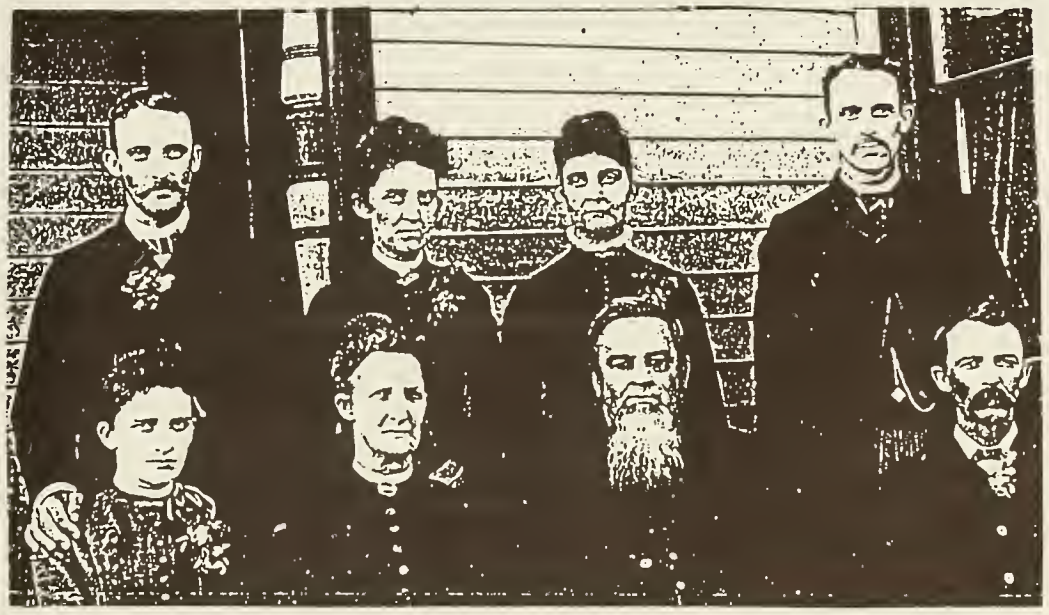


1905 POSTCARD MYSTERY SOLVED!

The Mystery Postcard appeared in our 10th Issue, Spring, 1992. It was given to your editor by a stranger when she noticed the name, 'THATCHER'!

In 1993, after finding the card in our back-issue, new cousin and subscriber, Jeffra Rockwell let usknow that the card was written by her Great Uncle 'Ed' to his younger brother, Lynn. They were sons of Frank, pictured at right and see page 9 chart. Find Jeffra on Chart 2, Boston Branch, enclosed.

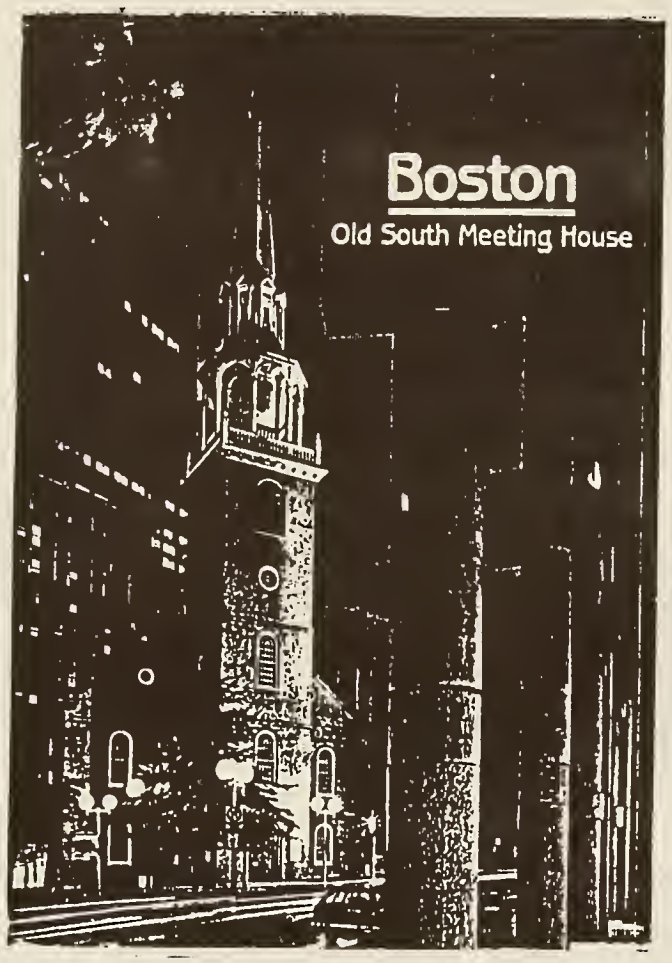
The postcard has been sent to new subscriber, Ruth Thatcher Wright, daughter of Fent Edwin N. Thatcher. See article on preceding page.



EDWIN & CATHERINE (CARPENTER) THATCHER
with their Six Children

Back Row: ELDRED THATCHER (1861-1932)
AMANDA (THATCHER) ROCKWELL (1855-1937)
ANNA (THATCHER) AVERILL (1852-1942)
FRANK EVERETT THATCHER (1859-1937)

Front Row, Center: Parents, CATHERINE & EDWIN
Left: JENNIE (THATCHER) ROCKWELL (1865-1918)
Right: FREDERIC ALBERT THATCHER (1850-1931)



THE OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE
On the Freedom Trail
Boston, Massachusetts

The Old South Meeting House was a Congregational Church built in 1729. It was organized with the intention of being more liberal than the older Puritan Churches. As it was the largest hall in town, it was also used for some public meetings. One spirited meeting adjourned to become the Boston Tea Party. It is now a museum with exhibits of colonial Boston.

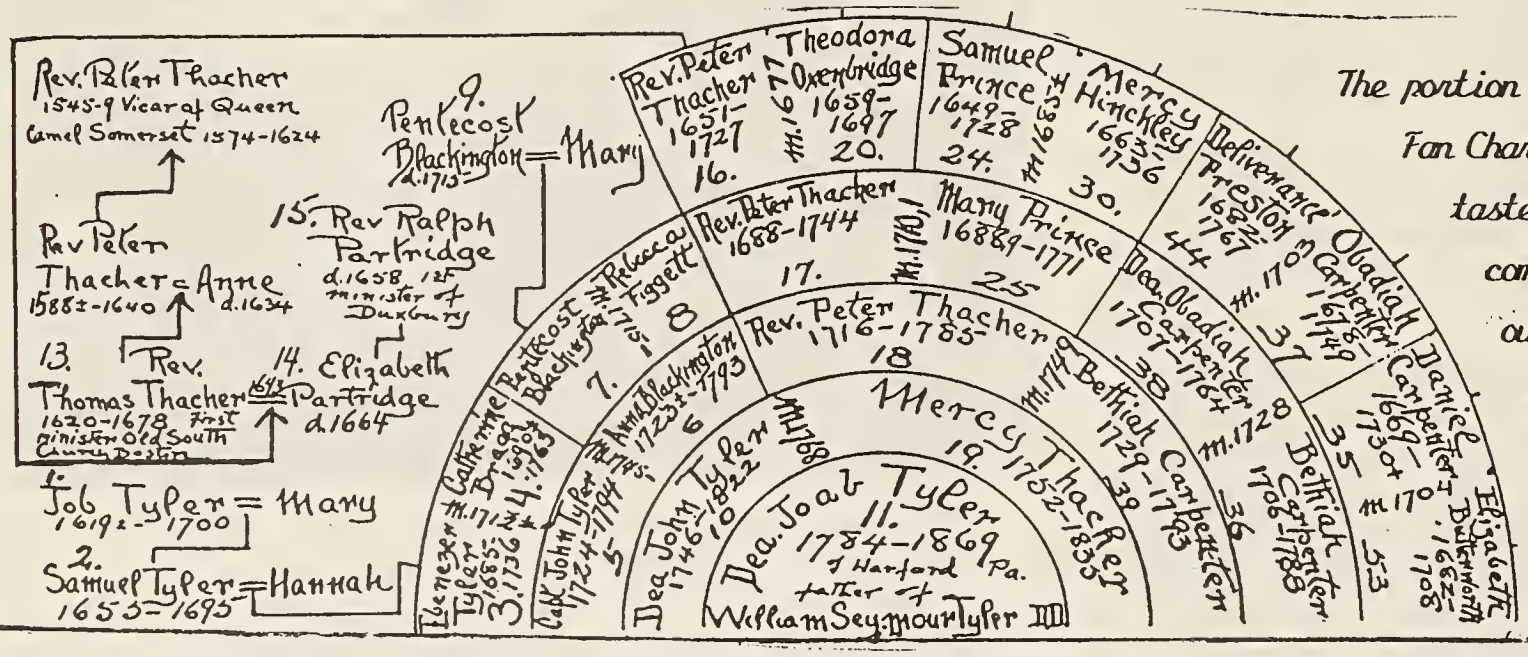
OCTOBER, 1993: Jeffra Rockwell, new 'T.Q.' subscriber, toured BOSTON, MILTON, MIDDLEBORO and ATTLEBORO, MASSACHUSETTS!

At the Milton Historical Society:
The Watch of Rev. Peter Thacher
"Never Bought-Never Sold"

The Watch
Made by
Thomas Planner,
London, c1695

At right:
The First Church of Christ at Middleboro

Jeffra graciously sent us a copy of her great uncle, Marion H. Thatcher's "Thacher-Thatcher" Genealogy; pages from "First Church of Christ in Middleboro" 1852; "History & Antiquities of Boston" 1854; "Sketch of the History of Attleboro" 1894; "Autobiog. of WM Seymour Tyler" 1912; Oxenbridge Ancestry: "Nat. Society Daughters of the Barons of Runnemede" 1937; "Some Colonial Dames of Royal Descent" 1900, and More!



The portion of an intriguing Fan Chart at left gives a taste of things to come, contributed by our new cousin, Jeffra Rockwell of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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October 1, 1994

Dear Thacher Cousins & Friends,

Please note that my address will change as of November 1st as shown above and on page 10.

Thanks to Carroll Thacher of S. Attleboro, Mass, we heard news of the 300th Anniversary of Attleboro. Carroll sent the newspapers covering the July 3rd event. He also sent photos of his own home which is furnished with antiques - some of them passed down to him by his family, including a three generation portrait, which unfortunately did not photograph well.

Through Thacher cousin, Jeffra Rockwell of Ann Arbor, Michigan we became interested in the Salem witch trials - what could be more timely for the Autumn Issue of the Thacher Quarterly?!

Our feature on Rev. Peter Thacher of Attleboro will continue in the Spring Issue - we have a wealth of material on him and his descendants, and on the town of Attleboro.

Our second feature will also continue with an excerpt from the Journal of the American Revolution by Dr. James Thacher of Plymouth, Mass., a member of The Yarmouth Branch.

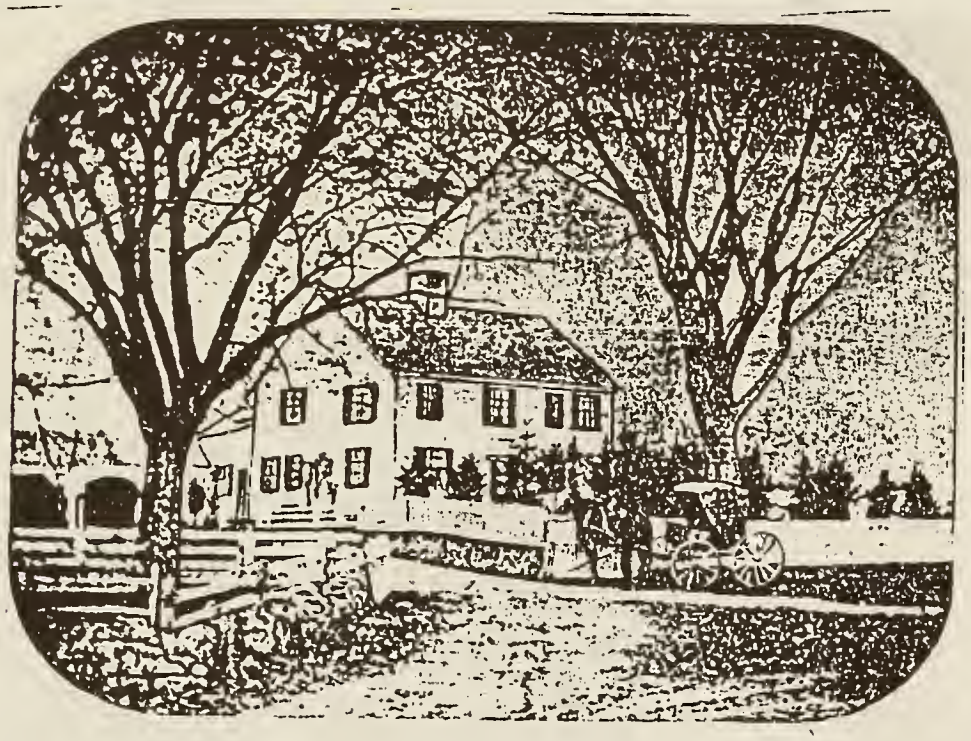
Three generations of Thacher descendants will meet for the celebration of Christmas in St. Petersburg, Florida. The editor, 'Yours Truly', my mother, Betty (Liitt) Tallman of St. Petersburg and my daughter, Elizabeth 'Kelly' Mullin will be together for Christmas for the first time in quite a few years.

We are descendants of the Attleboro Thachers, of the Boston Branch. The family saved some very interesting family records and great grandfather Charles Wilmarth Thacher joined the Sons of the American Revolution. So, much of our research was done for us early on - three generations of daughters followed suit by joining Daughters of the American Revolution!

We hope your and your families enjoy your Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings this year! These are special times for remembering those who came before us as we celebrate the holiday season.

Your Cousin,

Nancy



Thacher Homestead

PHOTOGRAPHED IN 1850

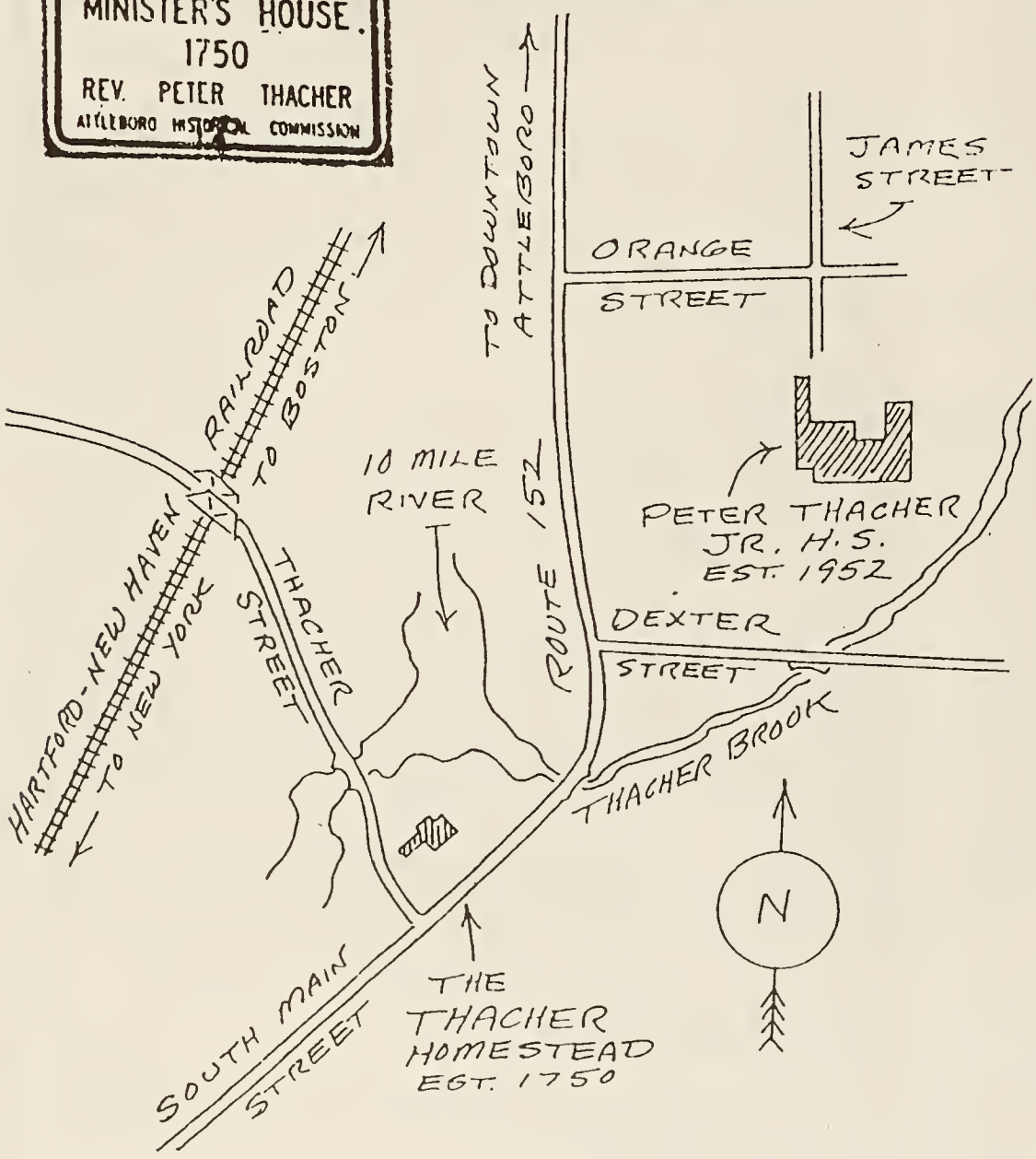
CARROLL C. THACHER, JR.

Carroll Thacher of S. Attleboro has contributed much for this issue of the Thacher Quarterly, including the Anniversary Edition of the Sun Chronicle, snapshots of Thacher places in Attleboro and info on the Thacher Homestead and its current owners.

Carroll also explained the story of his own name which was changed from Carroll Collins to Thacher as per his grandfather's wishes in order to carry on the Thacher name!

HISTORIC SITE
FIRST
MINISTER'S HOUSE
1750
REV. PETER THACHER
ATTLEBORO HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MAP by Carroll Thacher
Summer 1994



Ancestry:

Rev. Peter[6] Thacher
(1715-1785)
& Bethiah Carpenter

Peter[7] Thacher
(1753-1814)
& Nancy Tyler

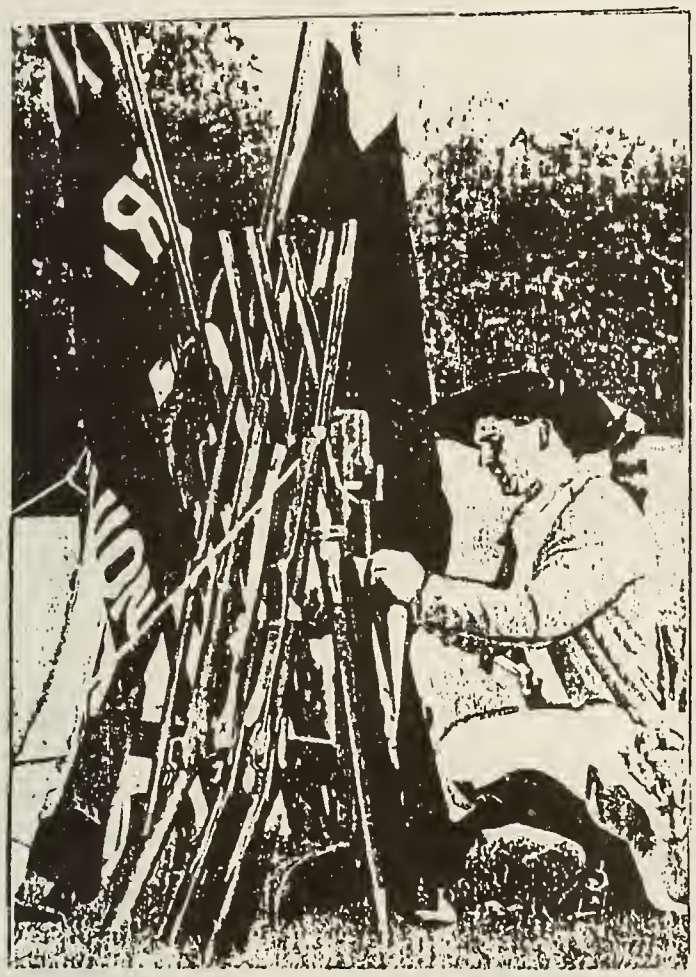
Peter[8] Thacher
(1779-1863)
& 2) Susan Carpenter Pratt

John[9] Thacher
(1828-1911)
& 1) Ida Bullock

Carroll C.[10] Thacher Sr.
(1882-1965)
& Bessie A. Corry

Ida Clayton[11] (Thacher) Collins
b. 1904 had son, Carroll[12]

Tricentennial parade in pictures



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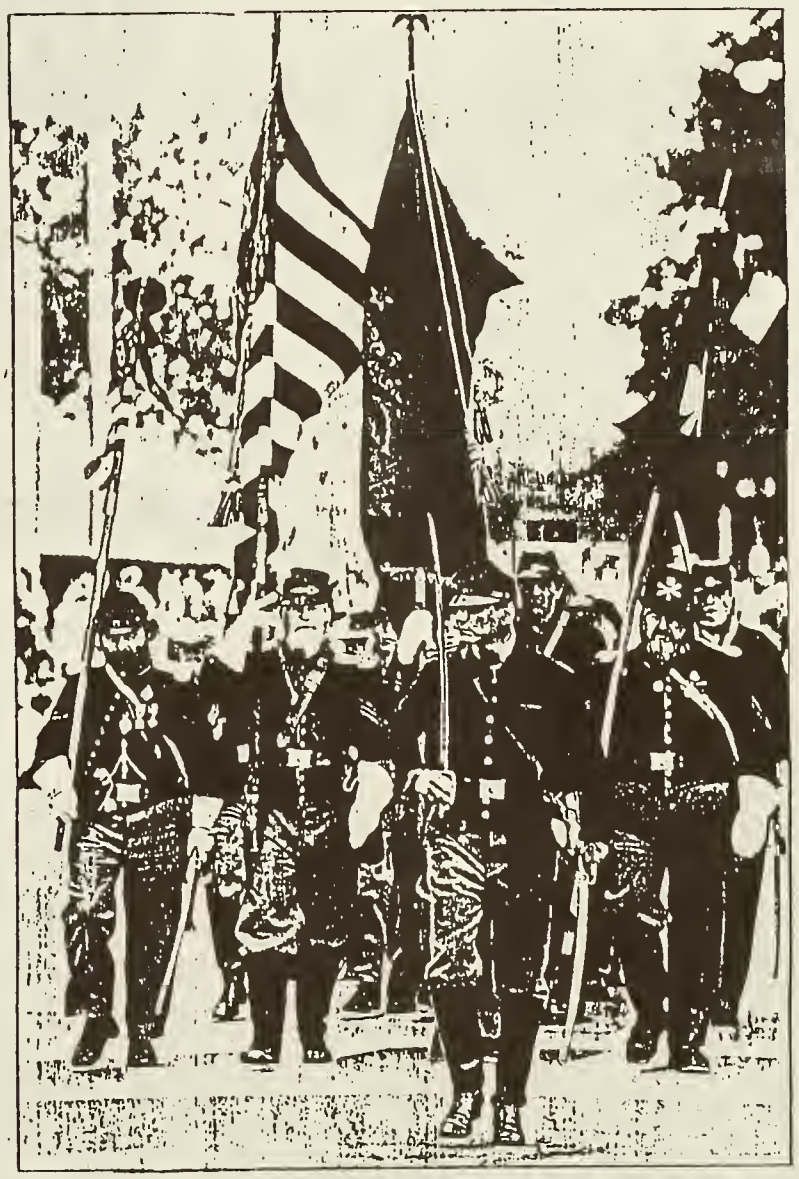
Revolutionary War task

Lloyd Perry, a member of the Rehoboth Minutemen, sews a scabbard during the Revolutionary War Encampment held at Capron Park in conjunction with the Tricentennial Parade.



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Battery B, 1st Regiment, Rhode Island Light Artillery marches down Bank Street.

FRANCISCO SAMUEL

Col. Bailey's 2nd Massachusetts Regiment, Continental, pauses and prepares to fire a volley.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 1994

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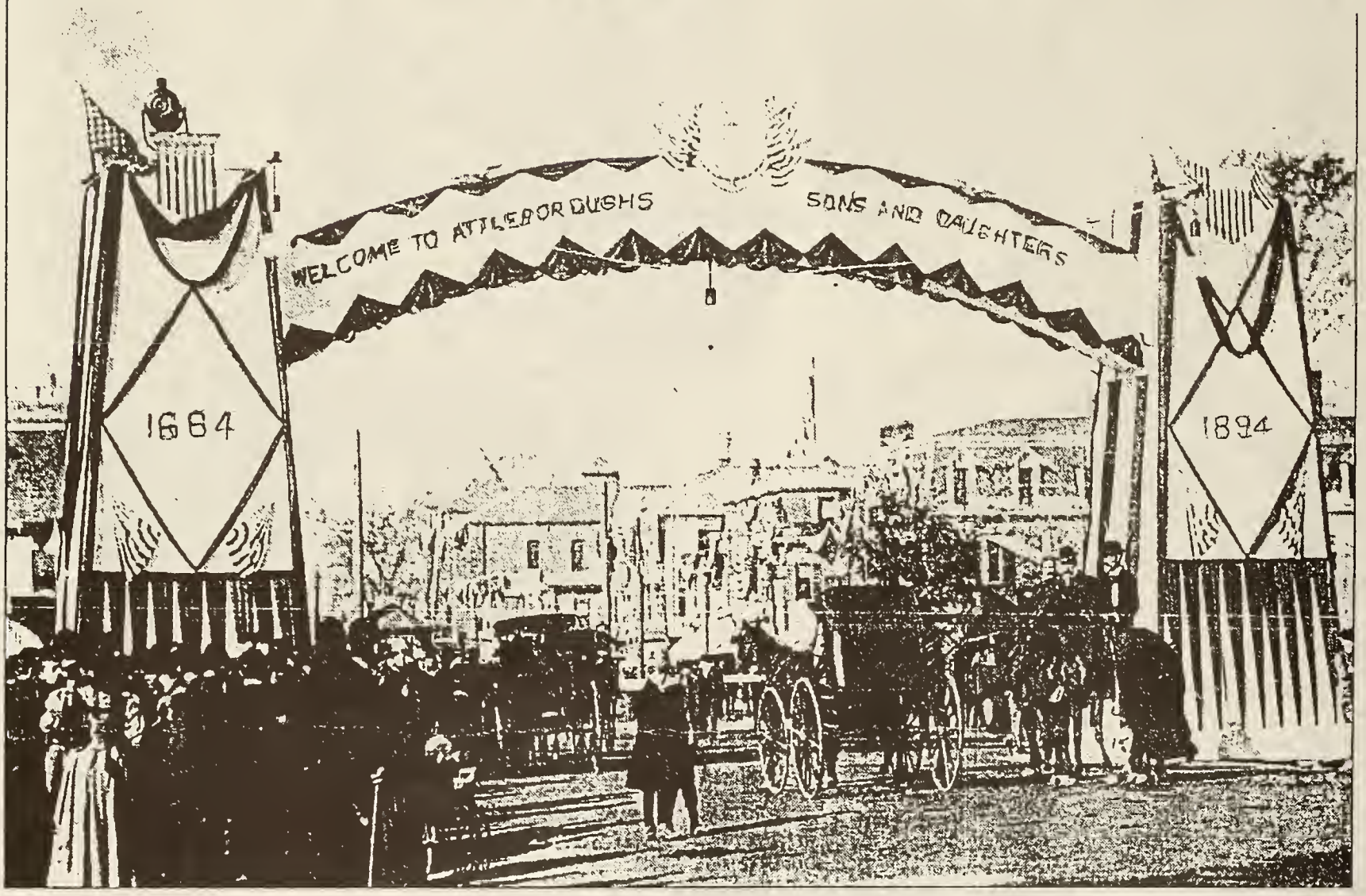
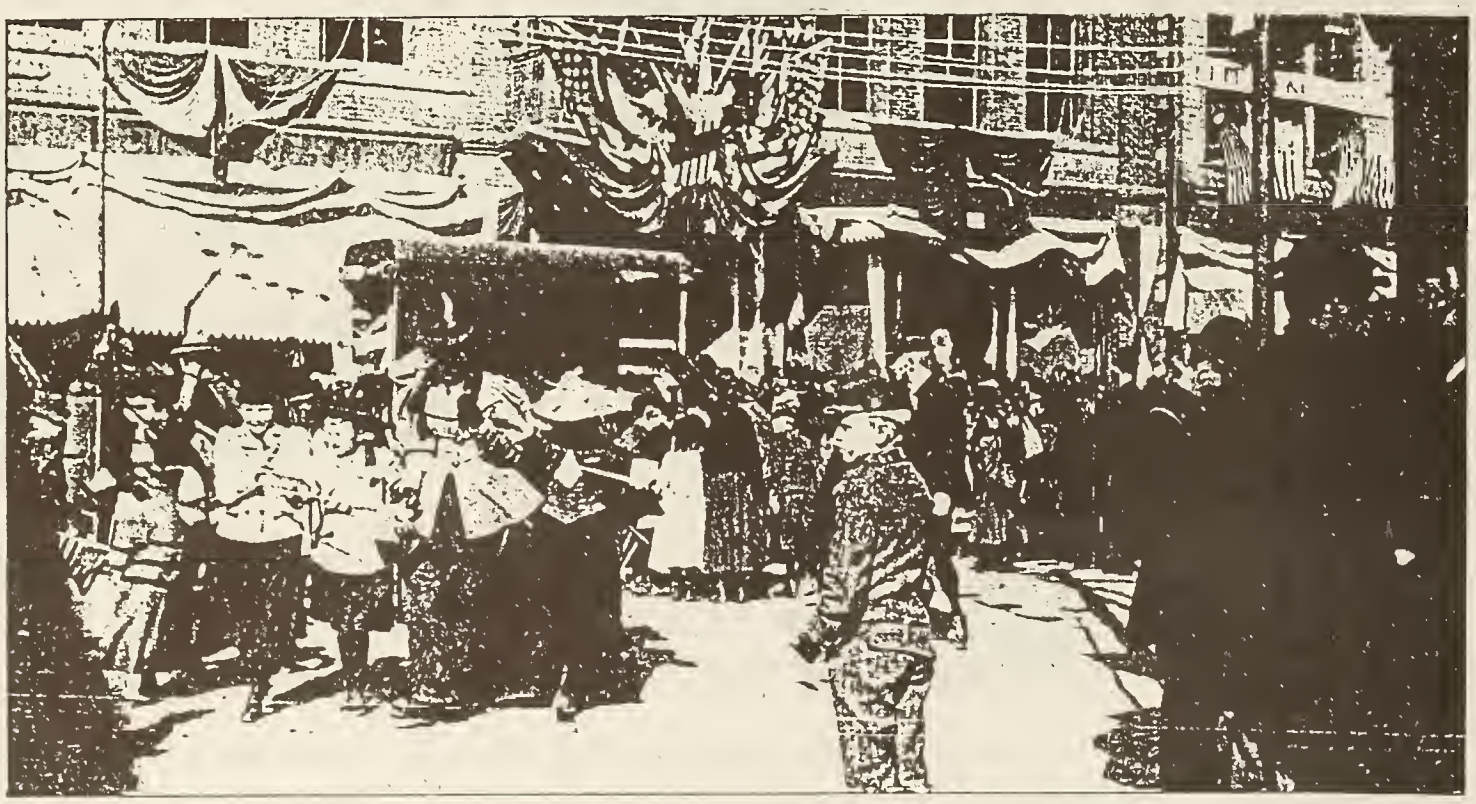
Attleboro's 300th Anniversary Celebration



FROM THE COLLECTION OF ROBERT LANPHER

Bicentennial celebration scene on Oct. 18-19, 1894, looks Northwest on Park Street in Attleboro.



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People stroll down Attleboro's Park Street in front of Bates Theatre during October 1894 Bicentennial parade.

REV. PETER[1] THACHER

ANTHONY[2] THACHER (1588-1667) & 2) Elizabeth Jones

COL. JOHN[3] THACHER (c1638-1713) of Yarmouth
m. 1) Rebecca Winslowe (1643-c1683) d/o Josiah (1605-1674) & Margaret (Bourne) Winslowe

Ch: Peter 1665, DEACON JOSIAH[4] 1667 Rebecca 1669, Bethia 1671, JOHN[4] 1674, Eliz. 1675, Hannah 1677, Mary 1679, Child c1683 died.

m. 2) Lydia Gorham, (1661-1744), d/o Capt. John (c1620-1675) & Desire(Howland) Gorham, d/o John Howland of the Mayflower.

Ch: Lydia c1685, Mary c1686, Desire 1688, Hannah 1690, Mercy 1692 died, JUDAH[4] 1693, Mercy 1695, ANN[4] 1697, Joseph 1699, Benjamin 1701, Mercy 1703, Thomas 1705.

JUDAH[3] THACHER (c1640-1676) of Yarmouth
m. Mary Thornton (1640-1708) d/o Rev. Thomas Thornton

Ch: Eliz. 1667, Thomas 1669, Mary 1671, Judah died, Ann 1674, Judah 1676.
(Eliz. m. Revd Peter[4] Thacher b.1651 of Milton, Mass., his 2nd wife.)

BETHIAH (THACHER) HOWLAND b.c1645
m. Jabez Howland (c1644-c1712) s/o John & Eliz. Howland

Ch. HOWLAND: Jabez 1669, John 1672, Bethiah 1674 died, Josiah 1676, John 1679, Judah 1683 died Seth 1684 died, Samuel 1686, Experience 1687 died, Joseph 1692, Elizabeth.

(They moved from Plymouth to Bristol, R.I. c1680.)

Desc'ts. of 1st Wife:

DEACON JOSIAH[4] THACHER (1667-1701) m. Mary Hedge

CAPT. JOSIAH[5] THACHER (1701-1780)

DANIEL[6] THACHER (1739-1776)

REV. WM.[7] THACHER (1769-1856)

CHARLES A.[8] THACHER (1809-1893)

WM. R.[9] THACHER (1887-1972)

*CAROL[10] (THACHER) VAN EVERA b.1942 of Vienna, VA

JOHN[6] THACHER (1742-1805)

ANTHONY[7] THACHER (1782-1844)

JULIA H.[8] (THACHER) TOTTEN (1823-1906)

JOHN REYNOLDS[9] TOTTEN (1856-1936)

NATHANIEL W.[8] THACHER (1807-1874)

EDWARD STRODE[9] THACHER (1857-1926)

EDWARD STRODE[10] THACHER, JR. (1887-1960)

VIRGINIA THACHER b.1912

EDWARD STRODE[11] THACHER III b. 1914

ANNE THACHER b.1918

JOHN WOODBRIDGE[11] THACHER of Nunn, Col. (1920-1992)

*JEANNE[11] (THACHER) Barnes, Turner b. 1922

EDWARD STRODE[12] THACHER IV Mission Viejo CA

GEORGE LINN[12] THACHER Elk Grove, CA

*BRUCE J.[12] THACHER Laguna Niguel CA

ALEXANDER C.[13] b. 1975

JESSICA S.[13] b. 1983

TIMOTHY L.[13] b. 1984

PATRICK J.[13] b. 1988

ROM HARTFORD[12] BARNES b. 1941 of Albuquerque, NM

*GREGORY THACHER[13] BARNES b. 1972

JEREMY H.[13] BARNES b. 1976

BARBARA D.[12] BARNES NELSON b. 1943

*FREDERICK TUCKER[13] NELSON b. 1972

NATHAN TAYLOR[13] NELSON b.1973 of Greely, CO

COL. JOHN[4] THACHER, JR. (1674-1764) m. Desire (Sturgis) Dimmock, Grdau of Desire (Howland Gorham

JOHN[5] THACHER (1703-1783) & Content Norton

DR. JAMES[6] THACHER (1754-1844) of Plymouth MA & Susannah Haywood

ROLAND[5] THATCHER (1710-1775) & 2nd Hannah (Swift) Fearing

LOT[6] THATCHER (1757-1833) & Abigail Fearing

ALLEN CROCKER[7] THATCHER (1793-1885) & Elizabeth Rounsville

LEVI PIERCE[8] THATCHER (1827-1904)

GEORGIANNA F.[9] (THATCHER) SHAW (1895-1960)

MARJORIE[10] (Shaw) HAWKINS (1895-1986)

CHARLES ARTHUR[11] HAWKINS (1924-1986) m. *Elizabeth Wainwright Berber

CHARLES ARTHUR[12] HAWKINS II b. 1960 m. Joy C. Cowan

Desc'ts. of 2nd Wife:

MARY[4] (THACHER) GORHAM (1686-1778) & SHUBAEL GORHAM (1686-1746)

JOHN[5] GORHAM (1709-1750) & Elizabeth Allyn

ELIZABETH[6] (GORHAM) ROGERS (1739-1769) & Daniel Rogers

JOHN GORHAM[7] ROGERS (1762-1802) & Mercy Rogers

DANIEL W.[8] ROGERS (1791-1834)

JONATHAN K.[9] ROGERS (1821-1888)

SARAH[10] (ROGERS) GARLAND (1861-1935)

ALICE[11] (GARLAND) WALEN (1888-1979)

* HARRY L. WALEN[12] b. 1915 of Rockport, MA

JUDAH[4] THACHER (1693-1775) m. Sarah Crosby (1701-1771)

JOSEPH[5] THACHER (1726-1771) m. Abigail Hawes

SOLOMAN[6] THACHER (1750-1798)

SAMUEL[7] THACHER (1786-1871)

WATSON[8] THACHER (1816-1900)

FRANKLIN[9] THACHER (1842-)

FRANK G.[10] THACHER (1876-1953)

HINCKLEY[11] THACHER (1907-1933)

*FRANK G.[12] THACHER II b.1933 of Hyannis, MA

CAROLINE G.[10] (THACHER) HARRIS

*ISABEL[11] (HARRIS) MATTERSON of Ames, Iowa

DAVID[5] THACHER (1730-1801) m. Abigail Russell

DAVID[6] THACHER (1764-1830)

CHAS. F.[7] THACHER (1812-1874)

LOTHROP[8] THACHER (1859-1947)

WALTER G.[9] THACHER (1886-1968)

*ROBERT A.[10] THACHER b.1913 Minneapolis, MN

*THOMAS A.[11] THACHER b. 1947 of Santa Cruz. CA

TYLER[12] THACHER b.1980

RYAN[12] THACHER b.1984

JOSIAH[5] THACHER (1732-1802) m. Mary (Miller) Hedge

JAMES[6] THACHER (1764-1832)

ALFRED[7] THACHER (1816-1890)

EDMUND F.[8] THACHER (1856-1923)

HARRY IVAN[9] THACHER (1890-1965)

*HARRIS I.[10] THACHER b. 1930 of Janesville, WI

*FREDERICK C.[11] b. 1960 of Seminole, FL

BRETT HARRIS[12] b. 1992

JUDITH EILEEN[11] (THACHER) UPMANN b. 1962 of Waukegan IL

JANET M. UPMANN b. 1989

CHERYL L.[12] UPMANN b. 1992

ANN[4] (THACHER) LOTHROP (1697-1796) m. John Lothrop

ELIZ.[5] (LOTHROP) WILLIS (1740-1823)

WEARAM[6] WILLIS (1780-1860)

DIADAMIA D.[7] (WILLIS) (1820-1893) THACHER m. Stephen R. Thacher (1826-1916)

HANNAH H.[8] (THACHER) ARMSTRONG (1846-1932)

NEVA D.[9] (ARMSTRONG) CORWIN (1883-1966)

*GERALD ARMSTRONG CORWIN[10] b. 1913 of Salt Lake City, UT "Jerry"

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Descendants of Anthony Thacher

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REV. PETER[2] THACHER (1587-1640) of Salisbury, Wiltshire, England
& 2nd wife, ANN (?Alwood)

REV. THOMAS[3] THACHER (1620-1678) 1st Minister of Old South Church, Boston
& 1st wife, Elizabeth (Partridge) Kemp

THOMAS[4] THACHER (1644-1686)
m. Mary Savage
Ch: Elizabeth 1671
Thomas 1673
John 1675
Peter 1677
Mary 1680

REV. RALPH[4] THACHER (1648-1733)
m. Ruth Partridge
Ch: Thomas 1670, Eliz. 1672, Anna 1673-80, Ruth 1675, Rodolphus 1677, Lydia 1679, Mary 1681, Anna 1683, PETER[5] 1686.

REV. PETER[4] THACHER (1651-1727) of Milton, Mass.
m. 1) Theodora Oxenbridge
Ch: Theodora 1678, Bathsheba 1680, Oxenbridge 1681 Elizabeth 1682, Mary 1685, Thomas 1686, PETER[5], 1688, John 1691, Thomas 1693, John 1701.
m. 2) Elizabeth (Thacher) Gee b. 1667, dau. of JUDAH[3] THACHER of Yarmouth, Mass., son of ANTHONEY[2] THACHER (1588-1667) & 2) Elizabeth Jones.

PATIENCE KEMP (adopted)

ELIZABETH (THACHER) DAVENPORT (no children)

OXENBRIDGE[5] THACHER (1681-1772)
& 1) Eliz. Lilly
OXENBRIDGE[6] THACHER (1719-1765)
& Sarah Kent
REV. PETER[7] THACHER (1751-1802)
& Eliz. H. Poole
REV. THOMAS CUSHING[8] THACHER (1771-1849)
& Eliz. Blaney
HANNAH BLANEY[9] THACHER WASHBURN (1796-1871)
PETER THACHER[10] WASHBURN (1814-1870)

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RODOLPHUS[5] THACHER (1678-1759)
& Patience Skiff
BENJAMIN[6] THACHER (1724-1807)
DR. AVERY[7] THACHER (1766-1812)
LUCIUS[8] THACHER (1800-1884)
LUCIUS WARNER[9] THACHER (1824-1889)
GEORGE LUCIUS[10] THACHER (1851-1906)
GEORGE ALLEN[11] THACHER (1891-1955)
HOWARD EDWIN[12] THACHER (1910-1975)
* HOWARD EVERETT[13] THACHER b 1931 NY Res. Avoca TX

REV. PETER[5] THACHER (1686-1766)
& Abigail Hibbard
JOHN[6] THACHER (1739-1805)
PETER[7] THACHER (1770-1849)

PETER[8] THACHER (1808-1888)
JAMES[9] THACHER (1849-1920)
WILLIAM[10] THACHER (1885-1957)
* ELWOOD JAMES[11] THACHER b 1907 of Winter Haven, FL
SONS: WM PETER[12] b 1937
ELWOOD J.[12] b1939
THOMAS W.[12] b1945

THOMAS A.[8] THACHER (1815-1886)
THOMAS[9] THACHER (1850-1920)
THOMAS D.[10] THACHER (1881-1950)
SARAH[11] (THACHER) STORM b 1908 of Bedford NY
* DR. GEORGE STORM[12] b 1935 Res. NH
THACHER STORM[13]
* MARY[11] (THACHER) BROWN b 1910
CYNTHIA[12] (BROWN) LLOYD b1943
EMILY[13] LLOYD
* THOMAS[11] THACHER b 1916 of New Canaan CT
CH: THOMAS D.[12] b 1946
HUGH A.[12]
PETER A[12]
ANDREW[12]
BARBARA[12]
ELIZABETH

REV. PETER[5] THACHER (1688-1744) of Middleboro, Mass.
& Mary Prince

REV. PETER[6] THACHER (1715-1785) of Attleboro, Mass.
& Bethiah Carpenter

PETER[7] THACHER (1753-1814)
PETER[8] THACHER (1779-1863)
JOHN[9] THACHER (1828-1911)
CARROLL[10] THACHER SR (1882-1965)
CARROLL[11] THACHER JR b 1904 of Attleboro MA

OBADIAH[7] THACHER (1757-1813)
& Elizabeth Richardson
REV. MOSES[8] THACHER (1795-1878)
& Henrietta Wilmarth
MOSES WILMARTH[9] THACHER (1823-1882)
& Rosina Terpenning
CHARLES WILMARTH[10] THACHER (1862-1947)
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WENDY[14] b 1967
BARBARA[13] (KROPEN) CREDE b 1944 of Virginia IL
PAUL B.[14] b 1974
STEPHEN[14] b 1976
JOSEPH[14] b 1985
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JOHN HUNT[13] GLICK b1954
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& Sally Moore
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& Catherine C. Carpenter
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WM. HENRY[9] SEYMOUR (1822-1918)
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* HARRIET[12] (BAUDER) MARTIN of Chesterfield MO
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SAMUEL PRINCE[6] THACHER (1717-1795)
& 2) Sarah Kent

JOHN OXENBRIDGE[7] THACHER (1765-1844)
m. Lucy Richmond
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ALONZO[9] THACHER (1819-1885)
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ELMER W.[11] THACHER (1883-1946)
E. HOWARD[12] THACHER (1921-1990)
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WM. P.[11] THACHER (1903-1976)
* JOHN WALTER[12] THACHER b 1925 of San Jose CA
ANTOINETTE[13] THACHER b 1951
JOHN G.[13] THACHER b 1953
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LESTER E.[10] THACHER (1891-1976)
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& Lydia Place
SAMUEL OLNEY[8] THACHER (1789-1841)
& Martha Hornell
GEORGE HORNELL[9] THACHER (1818-1887)
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& Melinda Bunce Livermore
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& Sarah Louise Langworthy
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LUCY K.[13] McNEIVE b 1956
SARAH J.[13] McNEIVE b 1958
PHILIP L.[11] THACHER b 1906
* PHILIP[12] THACHER b 1953
RICHARD[12] THACHER b 1955
* LUIN K.[11] THACHER b 1909 of Santa Barbara CA

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HISTORY
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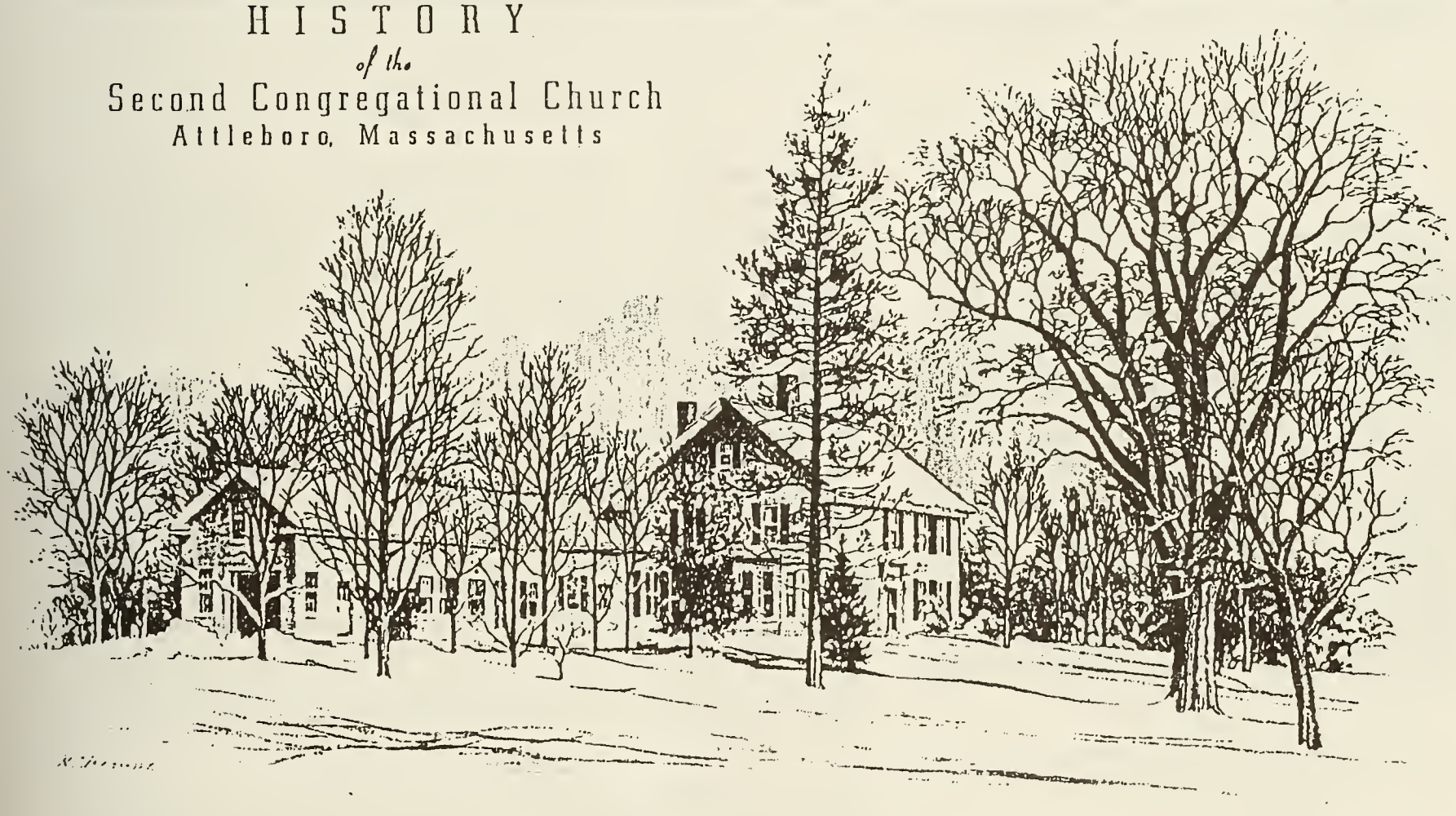
Attleboro, Massachusetts



Thacher Homestead - 1955

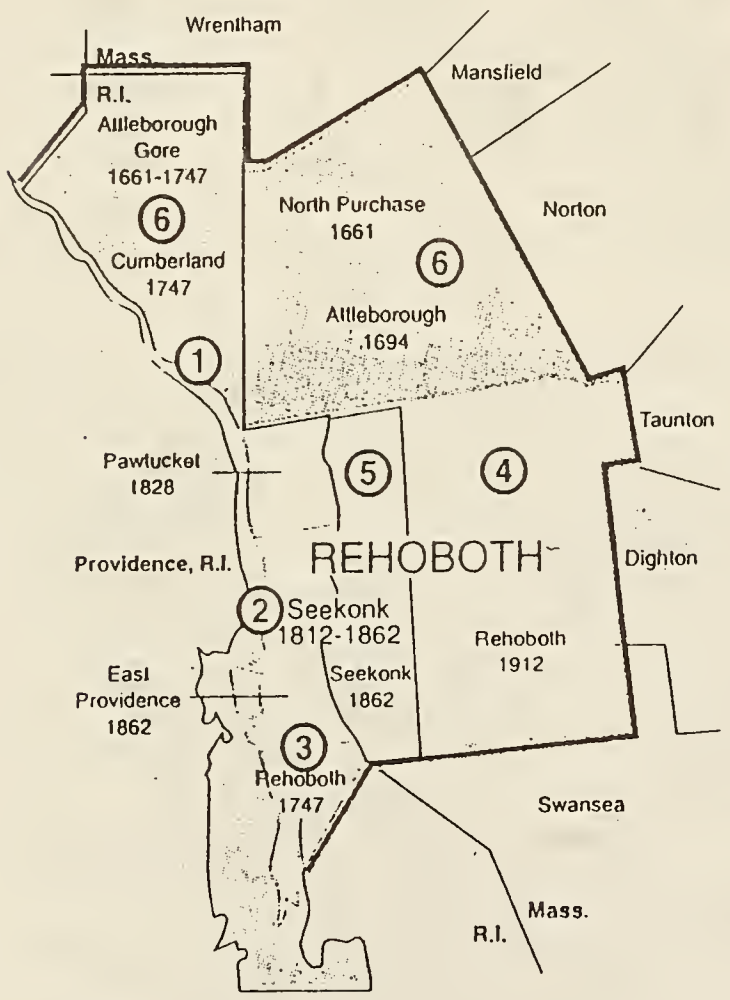
BUILT IN 1748
BY REVEREND PETER THACHER

The THACHER HOMESTEAD is now owned by Randy & Laura (Wayne) Wheeler. Laura, a descendant of "Mad" Anthony Wayne, is a member of the National Trust For Historic Preservation. She has plans for "complete historic restoration"! "What a tremendous stroke of luck", says Cousin Carroll C. Thacher, Jr. of S. Attleboro, Mass, "The Thacher house has fallen into the best possible, capable hands!"

BEGINNINGS

"And he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land." Gen. 26:22

THESE words from Genesis must have been in the mind of Rev. Samuel Newman as he gave the name of Rehoboth to the new settlement on the great plain called Seacunke by the Indians. Mr. Newman had come in 1644 with a large part of his Weymouth congregation to establish homes on the tract of fifty thousand acres purchased from Massasoit. This included much land cleared ready for cultivation. On June 4, 1645, the town of Rehoboth was incorporated, with its headquarters and the place of worship near where the Newman Church in Rumford now stands.



Rehoboth at its greatest extent

Boundary of origial Rehoboth, including Wannamoiset

- North Purchase, 1661; became Attleborough, including "The Gore," inc. 1694
- Attleborough Gore became Cumberland, R.I., 1747
- Seekonk set off from Rehoboth, 1812
- Pawtucket set off from Seekonk, 1828
- East Providence set off from Seekonk, 1862
- N. Attleborough set off from Attleborough in 1887

(1) Blackstone

(2) Roger Williams' settlement in Seekonk, 1636

(3) Wannamoiset, ward of Rehoboth til 1667, after that a part of Swansea and Barrington til 1747, when it came to Rehoboth

(4) The Rehoboth of today and since 1812

(5) Seekonk at present and since 1862

(6) North Purchase, including Attleborough and "The Gore"

MAP from A Special Supplement to The Sun Chronicle & The Advisor, Thursday, June 30th, 1994 for the 300th Anniversary Celebration of Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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HISTORY
of the
Second Congregational Church
Attleboro, Massachusetts
1748—1948

Prepared by
BERTHA VINTON COBB

In seventeen years the inhabitants of Rehoboth, numbering about ten to the square mile, began to feel "straitened" and looked towards the north for more land. They chose as their negotiator with the Indians Captain Thomas Willett always skillful in dealing with men. He bought from Wamsutta, son of Massasoit, in 1661, a tract covering what is now Cumberland and the Attleboros. This was known as the Rehoboth North Purchase.

Settlers moved into the North Purchase and in 1694, with about thirty families and one hundred fifty or more persons, they were incorporated as the town of Attleborough with the center in the part now called Oldtown.

The first town meeting after the incorporation was held in May 1696 and an important project started then was the raising of money for a meeting-house. Up to this time the people had worshiped in Mr. Newman's church, for some of them a most inconvenient distance from home in the days when horseback was the common method of travel. Indeed, the records tell of John Woodcock, who lived near the present site of the Baptist Church in North Attleboro, being granted, in 1662, a tract of land by the town of Rehoboth "to build a small house on for himself and family to be in on the Lord's Day, in some convenient place near the meeting house."

The first meeting-house in Attleboro was not built until 1710 and the first settled minister, Rev. Matthew Short, was called in 1711. After a brief pastorate Mr. Short was succeeded by Rev. Ebenezer White, who remained long enough to "acquire for himself and his heirs the ministerial house and land, the town having voted that these should become the property of the minister who should remain pastor for seven years after his settlement."

In 1727, Mr. White having died in 1726, Rev. Habijah Weld was called to be the third minister of the First Church and he continued for fifty-five years, preaching on the Sunday before he died in 1782. Of Mr. Weld it was said that he was "A more strict observer of the divine law, and more eminently holy than any man whom I ever knew."

For thirty years the church in Oldtown remained the only church in Attleborough. In 1734 a great revival took place, a result of the preaching of Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield, and in 1742 one hundred and fifteen members were added to the First Church.

Meantime the eastern section of the town was growing. The entire township covered seventy square miles and the Oldtown church was a long distance from the homes in the eastern part. In 1743, feeling strong enough to support a church of their own, the people of this section petitioned the legislature to establish a second precinct. The petition was granted and on April 7, 1743 an act was passed establishing the Second Precinct in the town of Attleborough.

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THE FIRST MEETING HOUSE

"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations."
Deut. 32:7.

The first meeting of this Second Precinct, or Parish, was held on June 6, 1743 at the house of Thomas Cooper, for the choice of officers. Later in the same month a meeting was called to "consider the placing of a meeting house for the worship of God", and to appoint a committee to secure a minister. It was decided to place the meeting house "on the plain where the roads meet or cross each other" on land given by John Sweet. John Sweet, Thomas Sweet, Joseph Capron, Stephen Wilmarth, and Obadiah Carpenter were named as building committee, with instructions as to the size of the building.

Work was begun that Fall but the interior was not completed for several years. Meantime Peter Thacher was invited to become the minister and he preached at services held in private homes. On communion Sundays all continued to attend the First Church. By the Fall of 1748 the meeting-house was ready for use and Mr. Thacher had accepted the call of the Parish. After an exchange of cordial letters between the Second Precinct and the First Church, a group of about fifty persons was dismissed from the First Church to form the new church. On November 30 the Second Church was constituted and Mr. Thacher was ordained and installed as its first pastor. Before the end of the year enough persons joined to bring the number to seventy and these are regarded as the original members.

At present a stone post with a bronze tablet suitably inscribed marks the spot where that first meeting-house stood. Daggett's History of Attleboro says, "The building was thirty-five by forty-five feet, called a square building. It faced the south and had three doors, one in the south front, one on the east, and the other on the west side. Through the south door the minister always entered, and with great dignity, uncovering his head, as did his parishioners, while he passed them."

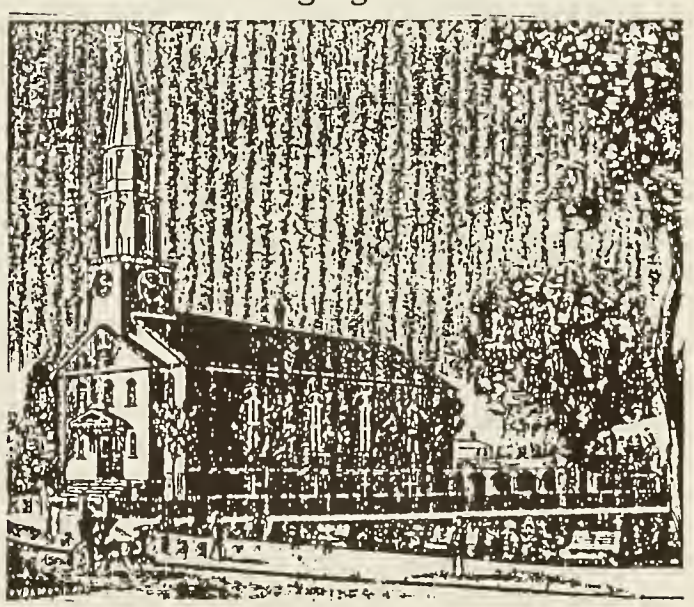
A history of Harford, Pa., gives a good description of the building as related to a visitor from Harford by Mr. Joseph Capron, who remembered attending services there as a boy. He says, "The old meeting-house was nearly square, very high, and the floor of the pulpit about on a level with the galleries. The singers' seats were in the galleries in front of the pulpit. There was but little finish inside and it was not plastered. A stairway led up to the pulpit in front of which were the deacons' seats. Four names are remembered, (by Mr. Capron) Noah Blanding, Otis Capron Jonathan Peck, Jacob Balcom.

The outside was painted a brownish color. In front of the house, about fifty feet distant, was a stone horse block for the convenience of the ladies in assisting them to get upon the pillions on the horses' backs, behind their husbands. They had no carriages."

It was nearly forty years before pews were provided. Until that time benches were the only seats. Of the pews Mr. Capron says, "The broad aisle reached from the front door to the pulpit. There were east and west doors, too, with short aisles leading therefrom. Twenty square pews around the four walls, the doors of which opened into one continuous aisle that formed a square and had sixteen pews inside of it. Pews were nearly square and boarded up about four feet with a picket fence twelve or eighteen inches high on the top, so the people could hardly be seen when sitting. The seats were placed all around the inside of the pew, except at the door, so some of the audience sat with backs to the pulpit."

No heat was allowed until about 1820 and the pastor at that time thought the people were "not very good Christians if they could not sit for two hours without a fire on a cold day."

- 1743 -
Second Congregational Church



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THOSE WHO ATTENDED

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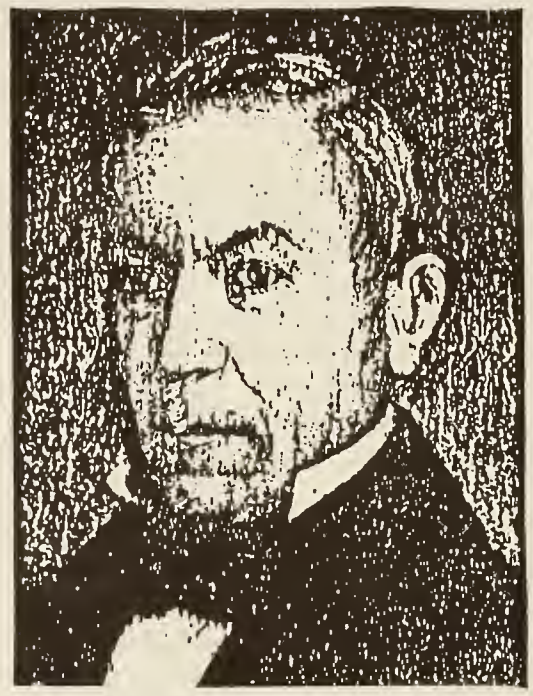
Rev. Peter Thacher Continues the Harvard Tradition



REV. PETER THACHER
Ministry 1748 - 1785

PETER THACHER

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PETER THACHER, the first minister of the East Congregational Church of Attleboro, was born on January 25, 1715/6, the eldest of the seven sons of the Reverend Peter (A.B. 1706) and Mary (Prince) Thacher of Middleborough. It was family tradition that for twelve generations the eldest son had entered the ministry, so Peter had little choice. There was more than tradition to encourage him, however. The family lived comfortably, served by several slaves. Parson Thacher had a great library of the works of the old Puritan divines, whose ways of thought he followed, except that he favored revivals. He presented Peter for admission with the Class of 1736, and was much irritated when the Faculty turned him down. Sending him again in July, 1733, he wrote to Tutor Nathan Prince (A.B. 1718), his brother-in-law:

> It hath been very Unhappy to me and mine, to have so little interest in and regard from a person of such Eminent Worth. . . . I once more send my son, who bears this to your self and another to the Reverend President. If he cant have an Examination and Admission at Cambridge the Place of his Grandfather's and father's Education, I must be forc'd to go to New Haven with him, so sure I Am many much Inferior to what he was last Year (and his proficiency is not small since) have been frequently Admitted.[1]

Parson Thacher was right as to his son's scholarship. Peter became the first undergraduate to win the Hopkins Prize twice, and he received the Flynt, William Browne, and Hollis scholarships. The Parson attributed the last to Uncle Nathan's influence with the Corporation, but there is no doubt that Peter deserved it. Perhaps the fact that he was at home for long periods because of illness in the family was a help.

An even more distinguished uncle who was much in Cambridge was the Reverend Thomas Prince (A.B. 1707) of Boston. Peter subscribed for the *Chronological History* which Uncle Thomas had written, and took care of little Tommy (A.B. 1740) when his father came out to pray at the deathbed of President Wadsworth and to conduct prayers in the college Hall. Parson Prince's diary records a happier visit on the occasion of Peter's graduation:

> At 6 I went over to the Governor's: at 6 1/2 set out in his chaise with Him and Dr. Sewall [A.B. 1707], to College by 8. Went to Cousin Peter Thacher's Chamber where I found my Tommy, Debby, and Mercy, with Cousins Peter, Sammy, Mary and Susee Thacher. Afterward came Brother and Sister Thacher, Cousin [Nathaniel] Foster and wife etc. . . . Din'd in Cousin Peter's Chamber.[2]

After graduation Peter rode home to read theology in his father's great library. The ideas which he found in the old volumes were not entirely primitive, for after a conversation with Judge Josiah Cotton (A.B. 1698), he wrote back to Tutor Prince:

> After you went . . . Mr. Cotton came to speak with you at brother Fosters, about witches. . . . The good Gentleman seems very much concern'd . . . least his wife, or Daughters, or Female descendants from his body, should (in ages to come) be hang'd for so execrable a nonentity; and therefore makes it his request that you would (if possible, and as soon as may be) stir up the generosity of some of your rich friends, that they also may be instrumental as well by their example and influence, as by free and Charitable contribution for the publick good, in distributing Mr. Hales [A.B. 1657] Excellent discourses on that subject lying unbound in Mr. Eliots shop. . . . Suffer me to assure you, your never to be forgotten care and kindness in my education, shall ever oblige me in my Sphere to serve you in any thing where I can.[3]

When Peter returned to Cambridge in 1740 to prove his qualification for the M. A., he chose to argue not witchcraft or theology, but the negative of "An Homini eidem, duplicem vel triplicem competere Personalitatem, Rationi repugnet?"

On June 20, 1743, the neighboring East Parish of Attleboro voted to ask young Mr. Thacher to preach as a supply, if Solomon Reed (A.B. 1739) could not be obtained. Reed went elsewhere, so on August 20 Thacher began to preach in the East Parish, occupying the pulpit three Sundays a month, and on the fourth leading the congregation to take communion with their parent church under Habijah Weld (A.B. 1723), a man very like his father, substantial, learned, orthodox, and a friend of revivals. On November 1 the parish called him, offering a salary of £40 "current money" a year and a settlement of £300 "old tenor." The salary was absurdly small, and Attleboro was, as Judge Cotton remarked, "a place infested and infected with Separations."[4] While Thacher

[1] Misc. Mss. Bound (Mass. Hist. Soc.), July 11, 1733.

[2] Colonial Soc. Mass., *Publications*, XIX, 351.
[3] Misc. Mss. Bound, Aug. 23, 1739.
[4] Josiah Cotton, Memoirs (Mass. Hist. Soc.), p. 386.

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was weighing these disadvantages against the kindness of Parson Weld, the death of his father in April, 1744, called him back to Middleborough. There the church gave him a call to succeed his father, but the parish would have none of it, and settled Thomas Weld (A.B. 1723). The church then called a radical New-Light, Sylvanus Conant (A.B. 1740).

For the next several years Thacher preached with some regularity in the East Parish of Attleboro, but also filled pulpits elsewhere. He seems to have found most favor at York where the parish on June 30, 1748, voted unanimously to instruct its committee to signify its satisfaction with the candidate, to importune him "with the greatest Earnestness" to stay for further probation, and to make him "a suitable and Handsome reward for his Trouble and Expence in Journeying here and preaching."[5] In July, both the church and parish of York extended an unanimous call; but he preferred to return to Attleboro which had raised its offer to £600 old tenor, and then to £400 old tenor "reckoning silver money at fifty-five shillings per ounce, and to rise and fall as silver shall." Perhaps it was this hedge against inflation for which he had been waiting, for he accepted, and was ordained on November 30, 1748. He left an account of the events of that day:

> The Council proceeded to examine me as to my religious principles, and experiences, and motives to the Work of the ministry in general, and in this place particularly, which being gone through I retired, and in a little time was informed by a messenger from the Council, that they had voted to proceed to the ordination. Immediately we went to the Meetinghouse, a little before or about twelve. The meeting was opened with Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Elias Havens [A.B. 1733]. The Rev. Mr. Henry Messenger [A.B. 1717] at my desire preached a Sermon. . . . The Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Leonard [A.B. 1719] presided in the Solemn Embodying of the Church declared to be the Second regularly constituted Congregational Church of Christ in Attleboro', and then Solemnly gave me the Charge of Them, while his own and the hands of the Revs. Messenger, Weld, and Havens were imposed. The Rev. Mr. Weld gave the Right Hand of Fellowship.[6]

Obadiah Carpenter entertained the ordaining council at his house, and furnished a daughter, Bethiah, to whom the minister was

[5] York parish records in J. L. Sibley, Ms. Collections (Harvard University Archives), II, 669–670.

[6] John Daggett, *Sketch of the History of Attleborough* (Boston, 1894), p. 246.

married on November 31, 1749. They built a house which is still standing on South Main Street, and in it they raised a large family of children with success hardly credible in that unsanitary age. But none of the sons followed the family tradition of Harvard and the ministry.[7]

Thacher's ecclesiastical position might be described as moderately left. He was an admirer of Jonathan Edwards, but his own preaching was so simple, plain, and unemotional, that the radical New-Lights withdrew to form a separatist congregation. With the aid of Habijah Weld he kept peace in Attleboro in spite of this.

> Strongly attached to the peculiar doctrines of the gospel, he held them up in the clearest and most explicit terms; but he never suffered this attachment to prejudice his mind or embitter his conduct towards those who differed from him. His warm and exemplary piety evidenced that the religion which he preached to others, had made a real impression upon his own heart, and his inflexible integrity compelled the respect of his enemies, while his warm benevolence and open hospitable temper, conciliated the affection of his friends.[8]

In politics also the Parson belonged to the moderate left, as one might expect from the fact that Oxenbridge Thacher (A.B. 1738) was his brother. Robert Treat Paine (A.B. 1749) was an intimate friend. During the War the Parson served on town committees to instruct the delegates and to consider the Articles of Confederation and the proposed State constitution. That he mustered his people to serve in the Newport campaign of 1780 would be forgotten were it not for a letter written by Count Rochambeau:

> Il me reste à vous remercier, Monsieur [James Bowdoin], ainsi que nos bons alliés de l'Etat de Massachuset, de toute l'ardeur et de tout le zèle avec lequel ils ont quitté leur récolte pour accourdir isy dans un nombre beaucoup plus considérable que celui que nous avions demandé. Je dois vous distinguer le ministre Peter Thacher de la paroisse de Stilibourough, qui a amené toute sa paroisse, y compris 3 de ses enfants, laissant la moitié de ses récoltes sur pied.[9]

Soon after the War the Parson was stricken with paralysis, and

[7] For the children see *New England Hist. Gen. Reg.*, XXXVII, 13–14.

[8] *Independent Chronicle*, Sept. 22, 1785, 3/2.

[9] Mass. Hist. Soc., *Collections*, 6th Ser., IX, 443. A letter from Thacher to his son Peter in the army at White Plains is printed in Amos B. Carpenter, *Genealogical History of the Rehoboth Branch of the Carpenter Family* (Amherst, 1898), p. 113.

was dismissed on October 26, 1784. He died on September 13, 1785, and was laid in the Old Kirk Cemetery under a stone which carries this verse:

> Whom papists not,
> With superstitious fire,
> Would dare to adore,
> We justly may admire.

His widow died at Attleboro on January 27, 1793. His son Thomas, who lived in Princeton, Massachusetts, published a volume of his sermons in which the plain language of the original was edited to suit the more elegant taste of the younger generation.[10] The portrait which is reproduced as his in the booklet issued to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of the Second Congregational Church of Attleboro shows a costume much too late.

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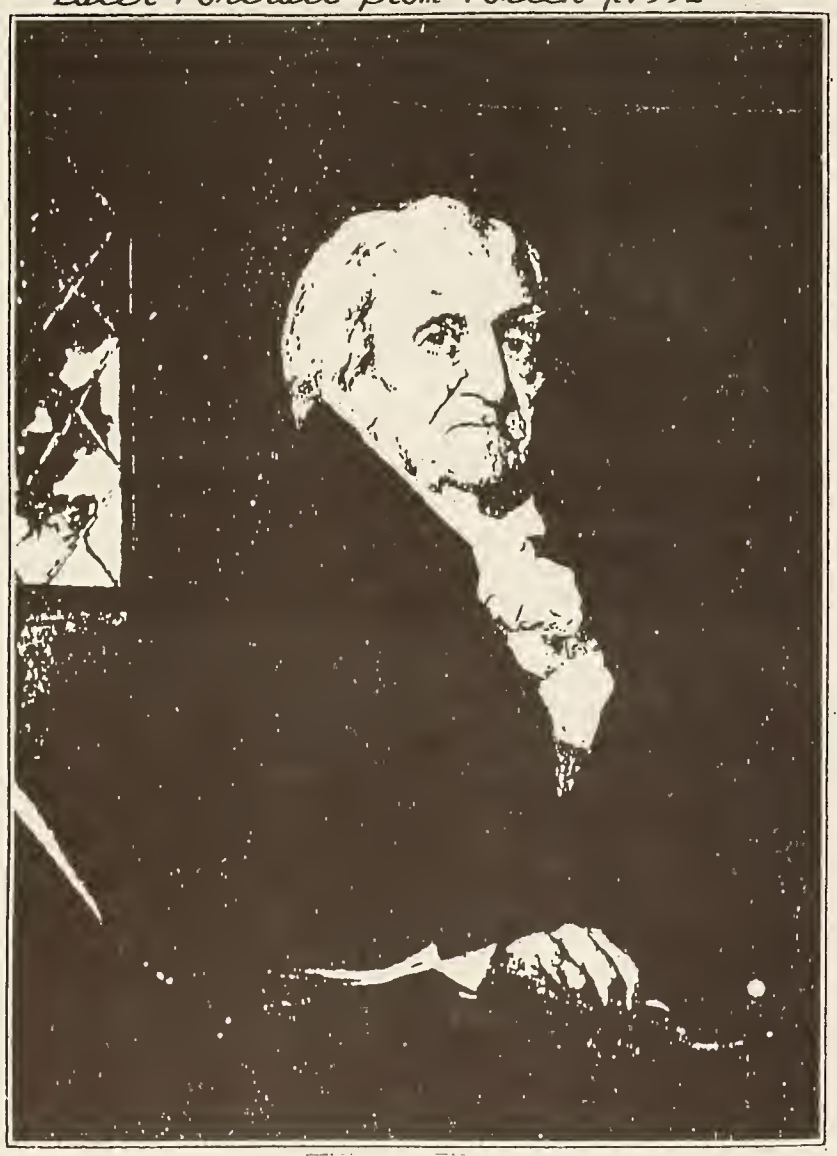

DR. JAMES THACHER
1754-1844
of the
YARMOUTH BRANCH

James Thacher

A spectacular description of the siege of Yorktown occurs in the *Diary of the American Revolution* by James Thacher (1754-1844), which far exceeds in literary finish any other Revolutionary journal. The obvious fact is that Thacher, a physician who wrote nine books on varied subjects, polished his actual diary of 1775-1783 for the volume he published in 1823, and turned it rather into a memoir, filled with rolling periods and elegant patriotic sentiments. Nevertheless the authentic note of the eyewitness does sound through the pages, as Thacher describes the battle of the kegs, the Wyoming Valley Massacre, the execution of Major André, the British atrocities at New London, and the glory of Cornwallis's defeat and surrender at Yorktown, Virginia, in October, 1781, the passage which is reproduced here.

Thacher was born in Barnstable, Massachusetts, a descendant of seventeenth-century Puritan settlers. His father, a farmer, had little means, but the son apprenticed at sixteen to Dr. Abner Hersey, and served all through the war in a medical capacity; at Yorktown he was surgeon to a corps of light infantry led by Colonel Alexander Scammell. In 1784 he began regular practice at Plymouth, where he gained a wide reputation through his medical dictionary and medical handbooks (*American Medical Biography*, 1828; *The American New Dispensatory*, 1810; *American Modern Practice*, 1817). He also wrote on beekeeping, orchard cultivation, hydrophobia, the town history of Plymouth, and the Salem witchcraft hysteria, which he analyzed from a pathological point of view. His portrait shows a small, sharp, Yankee face, with thin lips, straight hair, and a fancy white ruff; he is described as a slight, agile person.

Ancestry from "THACHER-THATCHER" by John Reynolds Totten page 351-354

DR. JAMES[6] THACHER (John[5] Col. John,[4] Hon. Col. John,[3] Antony,[2] Rev. Peter[1]), born Barnstable, February 14th, 1754; he resided at Plymouth, Mass.; he died at Plymouth, May 26th, 1844, aged 90, and was buried there on Burial Hill; gravestone. His date of death is variously given by divers authority as May 23rd, 24th and 26th, 1844, but May 26th seems to have been the correct date. He married at Bridgewater, Mass., April 28th, 1785, to Susannah Haywood, born ——, 1757 (see age at and date of death), at Bridgewater, Mass. (probably); died Plymouth, Mass., May 17th, 1842, aged 86, and was buried there on Burial Hill; gravestone. She was a daughter of Nathan Hayward (born ——, 1720; died ——, 1794, aged 74; married ——, 1748, about), and Susannah Latham (born ——, 1727; died ——; daughter of Charles Latham), of Bridgewater, Mass.

Children: 6 (Thacher), 2 sons and 4 daughters, all born at Plymouth, Mass.

+903 i. Betsey,[7] born June —, 1786 (about); died February 27th, 1871, aged 84 years, 8 months; married, first, Daniel Roberts Elliott (or Eliot); married, second, Michael Hodge.

904 ii. Susan, 1st,[7] (Sukey), born April —, 1788; died December 8th, 1790, at Plymouth, aged 2 years, 8 months, and was buried on Burial Hill; gravestone.

905 iii. James,[7] born December 10th, 1790; died December 12th, 1790, at Plymouth, aged 2 days, and was buried on Burial Hill; gravestone.

906 iv. Hersey,[7] born December —, 1791; died April 17th, 1793, at Plymouth, aged 1 year, 4 months, and was buried on Burial Hill; gravestone.

+907 v. Susan, 2nd,[7] born ——, 1794; died August 25th, 1862; married William Bartlett.

908 vi. Catherine,[7] born ——, 1797; died February 10th, 1800, at Plymouth, aged 3 years, and was buried on Burial Hill; gravestone.

In the next issue: Excerpt from Dorson's AMERICA REBELS by Dr. James Thacher

YARMOUTH BRANCH PATRIOT, SURGEON, AUTHOR

Dr. James[6] Thacher was a public-spirited and distinguished citizen, and died May 26th, 1844, aged 90 years. We quote from his memoirs concerning himself (written July, 1834), a part of which quotation may be considered particularly applicable to the present times, viz:—"Having devoted a few years to the study of medicine, under the direction of my patron, Dr. Abner Hersey, of Barnstable; and having imbibed a good share of the pure principles of the whigs and patriots of the day, I resolved to test my courage in the great rebellion of 1775. In this service (i. e., Military Service) I continued seven years and a half and participated in the glorious consummation of Independence. Since that period about half a century has been devoted to the practice of medicine, no less laborious both to the body and mind, than my military career. It is through the favor of the power from on high that I am yet among the living, a monument of a hoary head crowned with innumerable undeserved blessings. While yet I live let me not live in vain. But God forbid that I should ever totter under the painful apprehension of witnessing my country's ruin. I have a recollection of days fraught with wondrous things and wondrous results; but the things of the present day are no less wondrous. I have seen our precious liberties and freedom wrested from the hands of the oppressors by the immense sacrifice of lives, of treasure, of perils and of sufferings. How many have I seen, at the hour of death exclaiming, 'I die for my country.' I see now the fair heritage of our fathers in imminent danger of being sacrificed at the shrine of the reckless, sordid spirit of party interest. I have seen public offices courting competent men to fill them, and I have seen them filled with men who with a religious conscientiousness acquitted themselves of duty. But this seems already to be an antiquated morality; for now I see unworthy, incompetent men seeking and laying claim to public offices as a reward for desecration and unfaithfulness. My fellow citizens, I have seen the days that tried men's souls. I claim the privilege of age to forewarn you that unless you view your elective franchise in a light more precious than heretofore, ere long you will have no office to bestow; all will be anarchy and confusion, ruin and despair. Oh! how great would be my consolation, could my benediction avail for the amelioration of my beloved country's welfare."

Dr. James[6] Thacher was a prolific writer and amongst other works he was the author of the following publications:—

Military Journal of the Revolutionary War, pp. 303, 1823 and 1827, Boston, and 1854, Hartford, Conn.; *History of Town of Plymouth, Mass., from First Settlement in 1620*, p. 382; *Boston, 1832, and Boston, 1835*, p. 401; *American Medical Biography*, 2 vols., 1828; *Indian Biography; Account of Iron Manufacture; Pen Portrait of George Washington; Letter dated December 28th, 1825, Relative to the "Newburg Letters,"* see *N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg.*, Vol. XLII, p. 165; *The New Dispensary; On Hydrophobia; Modern Practice of Physic; Americans Orchardist*, 1822; *On Management of Bees*, 1831; *On Demonology, Ghosts, Etc.*, 1831; and sundry other written communications to societies and periodicals, among which may be mentioned his article on the "origin of the Thacher family," which appeared in the *New England Magazine* for 1834.

Dr. James[6] Thacher was the First Librarian of the Plymouth, Mass., Historical Society; and among the antiquities of the Pilgrim Society of Massachusetts is to be found his portrait taken while Librarian and Cabinet Keeper of that Society. This portrait (a reproduction of which accompanies this sketch) was painted by Mr. Frothingham in 1841, by order of the Society, pursuant to a vote expressing the Society's sense of the valuable services that Dr. Thacher had rendered in promoting the objects of said society. Dr. Thacher was appointed Librarian and Cabinet Keeper of the Pilgrim Society at its organization and his indefatigable efforts contributed largely to the promotion of its objects. The following extract from a report of a committee of that Society indicates the sense entertained of his services:—"The undersigned to whom was referred the report of Dr. James Thacher respecting the iron railing around 'Fore-father Rock' report that the Society is indebted to Dr. Thacher for the beautiful and costly monument which, while it secures 'Pilgrim Rock' from further depredations records for the benefit of posterity the names of our fathers and affords a pleasing subject of contemplation to many strangers who visit us."

From Heitman's *Register of Officers in the Continental Army*, 1775-1783, we obtain the following synopsis of his military career:—

THACHER, JAMES, Massachusetts.

Surgeon's Mate, Whitcomb's Mass. Regt., July to December, 1775.
Surgeon's Mate, 6th Continental Infantry, January 1st, to December 31st, 1776.
Hospital Surgeon's Mate, April 1st, 1777.
Surgeon of Jackson's additional Continental Regiment, November 10th, 1778; Regt. designated the 16th Massachusetts, July 23rd, 1780; transferred to 9th Mass. Regt., January 1st, 1781.
Retired January 1st, 1783; died March 24th, 1844.

From the Census of United States Pensioners, 1840, we have the following:—

Plymouth County, Mass., Plymouth town.
James Thacher, aged 83.

From the General Catalogue of Dartmouth College (1769-1900) we obtain the following record:—

James Thacher, Honorary degree, Dartmouth College, M. D., 1810.
A. M., Harvard College, 1808.
M. D., Harvard College, 1810.
Born February 14th, 1754; died May 26th, 1844; Physician and Surgeon in Revolutionary War.

From various sources his date of death is given as May 23rd, 24th, or 26th, and March 26th, 1844, with the preponderance of evidence in favor of May 26th, 1844, aged 90.

From the published inscriptions of Burial Hill, Plymouth, we obtain the following taken from stones inclosed in a plot by an iron railing; stone white marble in fine condition, but somewhat moss-grown:—

"In memory of James Thacher, M. D., a surgeon in the Army during the War of Revolution; afterwards for many years a practicing physician in the County of Plymouth; the author of several historical and scientific works: esteemed of all men for piety and benevolence, public spirit and private kindness. Born February 14th, 1754; died May 26th, 1844. Also Susan Thacher, for 57 years his pious and faithful wife, who died May 17th, 1842, aged 86 years."

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N. E. Hist. Gen. Reg., Vol. I, p. 122; IV, p. ——; V, p. 406; XXII, pp. 276, 309-10; XVIII, p. 30; XLII, p. 165; XLVI, pp. 113, 239; L, p. 200.
Early Mass. Marriages by Bailey, Vol. II, p. 146.
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ANCESTRY

Rev. Peter Thacher

Anthony Thacher (1588-1667)

Col. John Thacher (c1638-1713)
(& 1st wife, Rebecca Winslowe)

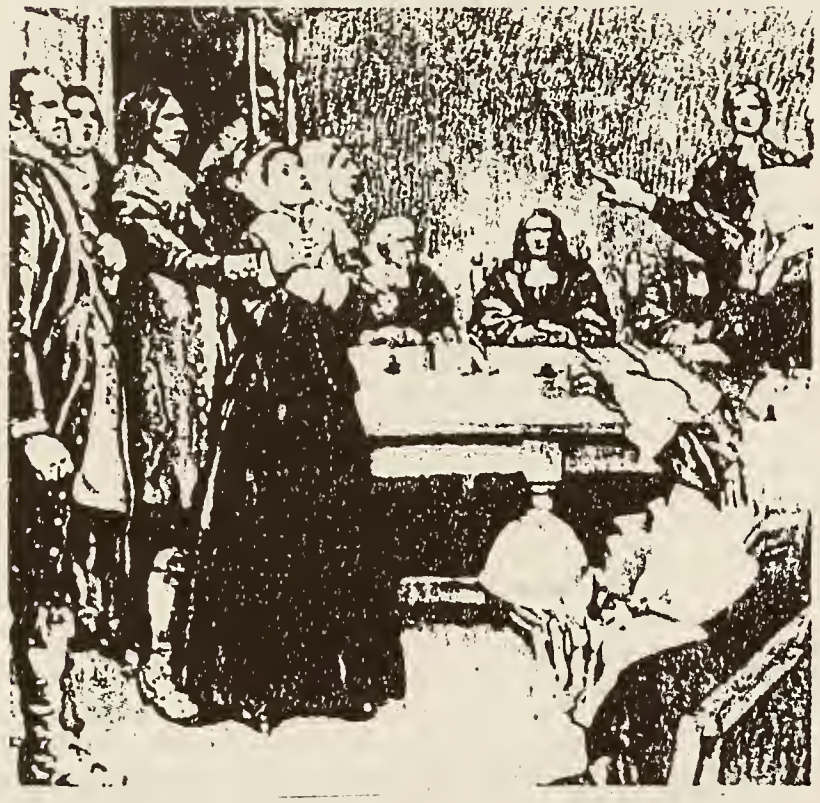
Col. John Thacher Jr. (1674-1764)
(& Desire (Sturgis) Dimmock)

John Thacher (1703-1783)
(& Content Norton)

Dr. James Thacher (1754-1844)
(& Susannah Haywood)

In the next issue: A Personal Narrative of The Battle of Yorktown by Dr. James Thacher

The Witchcraft Hysteria of 1692



MARGARET (WEBB) THACHER (c1625-1693)

Margaret Webb was born in Salisbury, Wiltshire England and baptised 25 Sept. 1625, was daughter of Henry Webb, his only child. They came to America about 1637.

Margaret Webb married c1643 Jacob Sheaffe(1616-1659) and had several children. Apparently, at the time of the Salem trials (1692) only two daughters were still living: Elizabeth, born 1644, who married 1660 Robert Gibbs and 2nd Jonathan Corwin in 1675 who was one of the judges at the Salem trials. Daughter, Mehitable Sheaffe born 1658 married Sampson Sheaffe.

Margaret (Webb) Sheaffe married 2nd c1665 Rev. Thomas Thacher (1620-1778) of Weymouth and Boston.

Rev. Thomas Thacher died Oct. 15, 1678. Margaret Thacher died Feb. 23, 1693, Boston. They are supposed to have been buried in the tomb of Jacob Sheaffe in Kings Chapel burying ground, Boston.

Information from Elwood J. Thacher's THOMAS THACHER (1620-1678) BOSTON BRANCH Vol. I, pages 225, 226 & 233.

from THE PAGEANT OF AMERICA by Thomas A. Bailey & David M. Kennedy Volume 1, page 49:

The Half-Way Covenant and the Salem Witch Trials

Yet worries plagued the God-fearing pioneers of these tidy New England settlements. The pressure of a growing population was gradually dispersing the Puritans onto outlying farms, far from the control of church and neighbors. And while the core of Puritan belief still burned brightly, the passage of time was dampening the first generation's flaming religious zeal. About the middle of the seventeenth century a new form of sermon began to be heard from Puritan pulpits—the "jeremiad." Taking their cue from the doom-saying Old Testament prophet Jeremiah, earnest preachers scolded parishioners for their waning piety. Especially alarming was the apparent decline in conversions—testimonials by individuals that they had received God's grace and therefore deserved to be admitted to the church as members of the elect. Troubled ministers in 1662 announced a new formula for church membership, the "Half-Way Covenant." It offered partial membership rights to persons not yet converted.

The "Half-Way Covenant" dramatized the difficulty of maintaining at fever pitch the religious devotion of the founding generation. Jeremiads continued to thunder from the pulpits, but as time went on, the doors of the Puritan churches swung fully open to all comers, whether converted or not. This widening of church membership gradually erased the distinction between the "elect" and other members of society. In effect, strict religious purity was somewhat sacrificed to the cause of wider religious participation. Interestingly, from about this time onward women made up a larger proportion of Puritan congregations.

Women also played a prominent role in one of New England's most frightening religious episodes. A group of adolescent girls in Salem, Massachusetts, claimed to have been bewitched by certain older women. A hysterical "witch-hunt" ensued, leading to the legal lynching in 1692 of twenty persons, nineteen of whom were hanged and one of whom was pressed to death. Two dogs were also hanged. Larger-scale witchcraft persecutions were then common in Europe, and several outbreaks had already flared forth in the colonies. But the reign of horror in Salem grew not only from the superstitions of the age but also from the unsettled social and religious conditions of the rapidly evolving Massachusetts village. The Salem witchcraft delusion marked an all-time high in American experience of popular passions run wild and seriously weakened the prestige of the Puritan clergy, some of whom had supported it.

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THE DEVIL IN THE SHAPE OF A WOMAN
Witchcraft in Colonial New England
by Carol F. Karlsen, 1984

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THE ECONOMIC BASIS OF WITCHCRAFT

Massachusetts passed a law at the height of the Salem outbreak providing attainder for "conjuration, witchcraft and dealing with evil and wicked spirits."[110] Attainder meant the loss of civil, inheritance, and property rights for persons like Sarah Wardwell who had been sentenced to death. Not until 1711 was restitution made to Sarah Wardwell's children.[111]

Margaret Thatcher was not formally accused of witchcraft until more than thirty years after she became an heiress. Merchant Jacob Sheaffe, Margaret's first husband, may have been the richest man in Boston when he died in 1659, leaving only his thirty-four-year-old widow and two daughters, Elizabeth and Mehitabel, to inherit.[112] What disposition was made of the estate is not clear, but the following year witnessed the death of Margaret's father, merchant Henry Webb, a man whose wealth nearly equaled that of his son-in-law, and whose highly detailed will is extant. Margaret was Webb's only child (his wife had died only months before) and he left most of his £7819 estate to her and his two granddaughters, with alternative bequests in several places in the event that Margaret had male heirs by a "second or other marriage."[113] Margaret *was* married again, to Thomas Thatcher, minister of Boston's Old South Church, but no male heirs were born.[114] Though Margaret was not named a witch until the Salem outbreak, her cousin Elizabeth Blackleach was accused in 1662, two years after Henry Webb's death.[115] Henry had left Elizabeth £140 in his will, £40 of which was to go to her then only child after Elizabeth's death.

When only married women are considered, women in families with estates worth less than £200 seem significantly overrepresented among *convicted* witches—a pattern which suggests that economic position was a more important factor to judges and juries than to the community as a whole in its role as accuser.[7]

Without a husband to act on behalf of the accused, wealth alone rarely provided women with protection against prosecution.

The most notable exception to this pattern is the obliviousness of the Salem judges to repeated accusations against Margaret Thatcher, widow of one of the richest merchants in Boston and principal heir to her father's considerable fortune. Her unusual wealth and social status may have kept her out of jail in 1692, but more likely it was her position as mother-in-law to Jonathan Corwin, one of the Salem magistrates, that accounts for her particular immunity.[8]

WITCHCRAFT NOTES

Victims of the Hysteria

June 10
Bridget Bishop of Salem

July 19
Sarah Good, Salem Village
Rebecca Nurse, Salem Village
Susannah Martin, Amesbury
Elizabeth How, Ipswich
Sarah Wildes, Topsfield

August 19
George Burroughs, Wells, Maine
John Proctor, Salem Village
John Willard, Salem Village
George Jacobs, Salem
Martha Carrier, Andover

September 19
Giles Cory, Salem Farms, pressed to death

September 22
Martha Cory, Salem Farms
Mary Eastey, Topsfield
Alice Parker, Salem
Ann Pudeater, Salem
Margaret Scott, Rowley
Wilmet Redd, Marblehead
Samuel Wardwell, Andover
Mary Parker, Andover

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER

Deputy Governor William Stoughton, Chief Justice
Associate Justices
Captain Samuel Sewall
William Sergeant, Boston
Wait Winthrop, Boston
Bartolomew Gedney, Salem
John Richards, Boston
Major Nathaniel Saltonstall, Haverhill
*Jonathan Corwin

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FRIENDS OF THE THACHER FAMILY

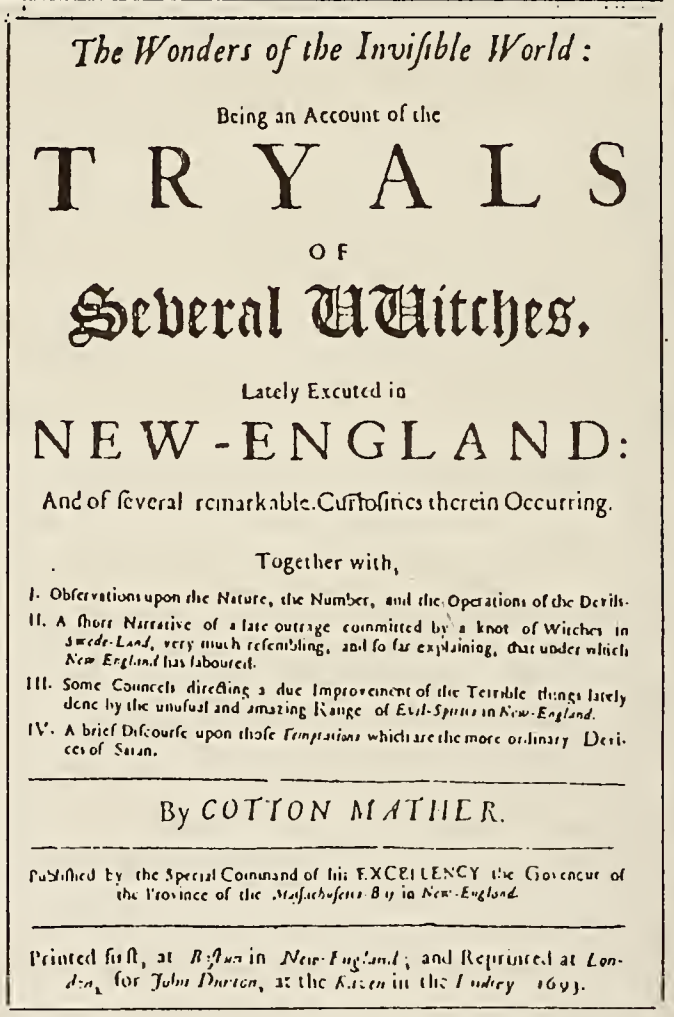
In "1692 WITCH HUNT" The Layman's Guide to the Salem Witchcraft Trials,1992, George Malcolm Yool states that Increase Mather was the most powerful man in New England. He, like everyone else, believed in witches. But the trials bothered him so he and several other ministers wrote an opinion to the court which was all but ignored.

Cotton Mather, unlike his father, was overzealous about the trials - a learned man, he was, aside from this one fault, a man to be respected. He was tutored by Rev. Peter Thacher son of Rev. Thomas, at Harvard College and gave the funeral speech at Rev. Peter's grave.

Judge Samuel Sewall, - a fine statesman, eventually became Chief Justice of the Superior Court, kept a diary for 56 years during his friendship with the Thachers. He has the distinction of being the only judge that publicly apologized for his part in the witch trials.

"The jury's public apology was given with a sincerity and humility seldom seen in the annals of history."

But, it was not until the year 1711 that the sum of 532 pounds sterling was divided among those who had suffered during the hysteria.



The Wonders of the Invisible World:

Being an Account of the

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OF

Several Witches,

Lately Excuted in

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And of several remarkable Curiosities therein Occurring.

Together with,

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By COTTON MATHER.

Published by the Special Command of his EXCELLENCY the Governour of the Province of the *Massachusets-Bay* in *New-England*.

Printed first, at *Boston* in *New-England*; and Reprinted at *London*, for *John Dunton*, at the *Raven* in the *Poultry* 1693.

Salem Witchcraft Hysteria *In this notorious tract of 1693, the Puritan minister Cotton Mather defended the death-sentence verdicts of several trials for witchcraft. (The Granger Collection.)*

SALEM WITCH TRIALS READING:

THE WITCHCRAFT OF SALEM VILLAGE, 1956
by Shirley Jackson - illustrated

THE WITCHCRAFT HYSTERIA OF 1692, 1992
by Leo Bonfanti

1692 WITCH HUNT, 1992 by George Malcolm Yool

THE DEVIL IN THE SHAPE OF A WOMAN, 1984
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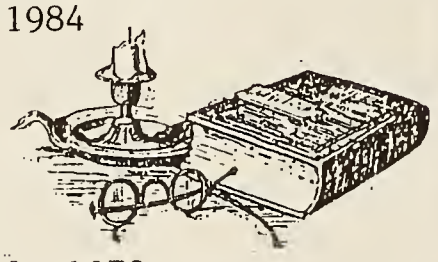

THE DEVIL IN MASSACHUSETTS, 1949
by Marion L. Starkey - page 231

THE DIARY OF SAMUEL SEWALL 1674-1729, 1973
ed. Thomas M. Halsey, 2 vols.

Judge Samuel Sewall

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The Story of Our Churches continues in the Spring Issue #18, 1995

Dear Thacher-Thatcher Cousins,

Our 18th Issue of the Thacher Quarterly touches once again upon the life and family of Rev. Peter^{6} Thacher (1715-1785) of Attleborough, Massachusetts. His children are listed on page 2, six of whom moved to Harford, Pennsylvania after the War of the Revolution.

Note that Rev. Peter^{6} Thacher of Attleborough served as a chaplain in the Revolution, with elder sons Peter, Thomas, Obadiah, and John also serving. Middleborough, Mass. and Lebanon, Conn. Thachers are well represented as well, as is the Yarmouth branch which includes our featured chronicler of the War of the Revolution, Dr. James Thacher - see pages 7 - 10 this issue and pages 6 & 7 in Issue #17.

This issue is a bit short on illustrations compared to past newsletters. This is an issue of LISTS! We have a list of children, Revolutionary soldiers, and enclosed find your Thacher Subscribers Address List! AND we've included the entire story of the Surrender at Yorktown <u>instead of</u> a two-part feature!

In the next issue, Autumn, No. 19, we'll travel westward to Harford, PA with the "Nine Partners" and others from Attleborough, Mass. who settled there.

Not having settled upon a new format for our large expanding Thacher Charts No. 1 The Yarmouth Branch and No. 2 The Boston Branch in particular, we'll work on the problem and include the results in the next issue in The Fall. (Sept/Oct 1995) We have several new folks to make space for on the charts, especially the Boston Branch which has completely filled our 11" x 17" chart paper and won't be readable if the type is any smaller!

New subscribers who were not included on the Thacher Address List are: June (Martin) Freeman,(Donna Martin's sister) 8845 Ravine Street, Montague, Michigan 49437, descendants of Rev. Peter^{6} Thacher of Attleboro, Mass., his son, John 1759 whose name was changed to "Thatcher" on his Revolutionary war service record!

And, Danny Bruce Thacher, 5 Hull Street #5, Boston, MA 02113, descendant of Col. John Thacher Sr. & son Col. John Jr. of the Yarmouth Branch, thru Roland.

A fine time was had by all at my mother's in St. Petersburg, FL as we celebrated Christmas and my daughter, Kelly announced her impending engagement to Rodney Atkins!

Hope you all have an enjoyable summer!

Very truly yours,

Your Cousin, Nancy

Ruth Thatcher Wright (237 E. Howard St., #758, Tryon, NC 28782) will share info on wives' families: Partridge, Oxenbridge, Prince, Blackington, Carpenter, Tyler, Hinckley, etc.; DAR & Colonial Dames papers, too! (descts of John b1759, son of Rev. Peter b1715)

Margaret Thacher Lorenzen (Box 119 - 9 James St., Dryden, NY 13053) will share the record compiled by Hon George Hornell Thacher of Albany, NY. She's a desct. of Samuel Prince Thacher b. 1717, brother or Rev. Peter b. 1715 of Attleboro, Mass.

An Attleboro Family's Marriage Record:

The record at right is a loose sheet found in the Family Bible of Moses Wilmarth Thacher given to him on his wedding day by his father Rev. Moses Thacher, son of Obadiah Thacher.

Obadiah was a son of Rev Peter Thacher b. 1715.

Rev. Moses Thacher married Henrietta Wilmarth whose family appears at right of the record.

Refer to our large Chart #2: The Boston Branch.

The Bible is in possession of the editor, Nancy Tallman Walkowski along with the loose sheets of Birth, Death & Marriage records and a detailed chart of the Wilmarth family made by Miss Rebecca Stanley.

Moses Wilmarth Thacher was the great, great grandfather of the editor.

Dates missing from the Record:

Obadiah Thacher & Elizabeth Richardson 1783

Dau. Elizabeth & Aaron Greenwood Aug. 31, 1807

NEED details on Stephen Richardson Thacher who married Mercy Carpenter and Diademie D. Willis.(?)

WERE there two Stephen Richardson Thachers?

Write to the Editor!

Nancy Tallman Walkowski
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FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

Obadiah Thacher to Elizabeth Richardson,

Elizabeth Thacher to Aaron Greenwood,

Stephen R. Thacher & Mercy Carpenter,

Thomas Thacher to Betsey T. Mills. April 1. 1816.

Hannah Thacher to William A. Pride, June 12. 1821.

Moses Thacher & Henrietta Wilmarth, September 25. 1822.

Thomas Thacher & Sally Mills, July 23. 1826.

Peter Thacher to Mehitable Gilbert,

Tyler Thacher to Adelia Thompson, December 9. 1827.

MARRIAGES.

Stephen Wilmarth to Lucina Wilmarth, April 19. 1790.

Moses Wilmarth to Harriet Sweet, November 1815.

Lafayette Wilmarth & Phebe Ann Pratt, September 1818.

Joshua Wilmarth & Nancy Noyes, June 11. 1823.

Stephen R. Thacher to Diademie D. Willis September 7th 1841.

Moses W. Thacher to Rosina Terpenning February 9th 1849.

Nelson E. Smith to Martha E. Thacher February 14, 1854

Thomas H. Thacher to Anna Tuttle March 1859

Isaac E. Thacher to Hattie Yeoman 1860

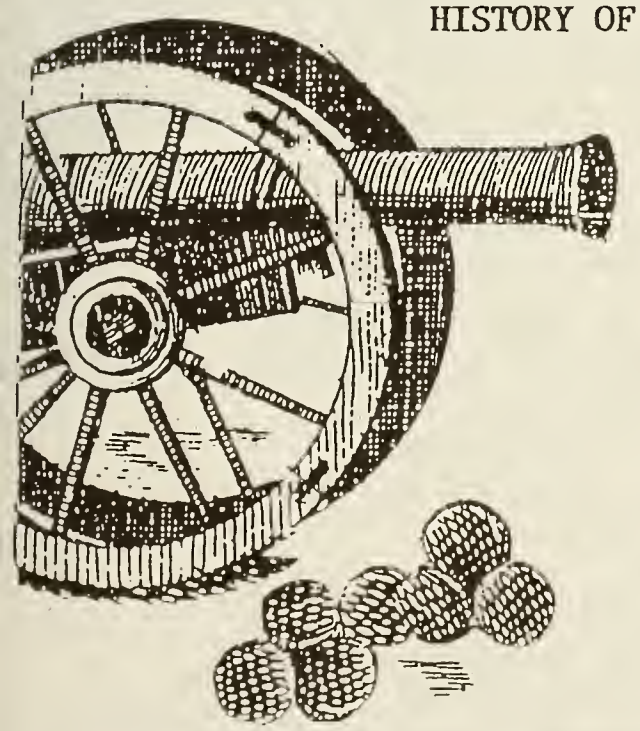
THACHER QUARTERLY

o.18 SPRING 1995 The Story of OUR CHURCHES Continues...Attleboro, Mass.

In this issue: Thacher-Thatcher Revolutionary Ancestors, Reminiscences & Records...

The East (2nd) Congregational Church, Attleborough, Massachusetts
Rev. Peter Thacher (1715-1785), Pastor, 1748 to 1785

"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations."
Deut. 32:7



HISTORY OF THE 2nd CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 1748-1948 continued...

prepared by Bertha Vinton Cobb

In Attleboro, were brought up Carpenters, Thachers, Richardsons, Tylers, Sweets, Reads, Blandings.

They were led and instructed by a remarkable man. Rev. Peter Thacher, their pastor for 40 years is described as a "highly respectable and useful man". Born in Middleboro in 1715 he was descended from a long line of preachers, one of whom was the first pastor of Old South Church in Boston. Soon after coming to Attleboro Mr. Thacher married Bethiah Carpenter and had ten children and some descendants have always lived in the Thacher house on South Main Street, built in 1750. Mr. Thacher remained pastor until his death in 1785. "To his ministerial services in this parish are patriotism, and education, morality and piety greatly indebted."

In this issue: The Siege & Surrender at Yorktown by Dr. James Thacher

THE FAMILY of REV. PETER THACHER & his wife, BETHIAH CARPENTER THACHER of ATTLEBORO, MA

PETER THACHER(1715-1785)son of Rev. Peter Thacher & Mary Prince Thacher of Middleboro, MA and his wife, BETHIAH CARPENTER (1729-1793) daughter of Obadiah Carpenter & Bethiah Lyon had 10 children: (The youngest, Nathan Prince Thacher was born 1771 & died 1772)

MERCY, born Dec. 16, 1751 Attleboro, m. John Tyler, farmer, soldier & deacon of Harford, PA; she died Jan 14, 1835. They had 9 children (Tyler).

PETER, born Oct. 21, 1753 Attleboro, farmer, m. Nancy "Nanny" Tyler (1754-1816). He died Dec. 4, 1814 in Attleboro. They had Peter 1779, Mercy 1783, Phebe 1786, Orra died.

THOMAS born Nov. 24, 1755 Attleboro, was a soldier & resided at Princeton, MA; unmarried, he died in May of 1823 at Princeton. (see page 6)

OBADIAH born July 30, 1757, Attleboro, farmer & soldier; resided at Harford, PA, married Elizabeth Richardson (1763-1825) dau. of Col. Stephen Richardson & Hannah Fuller. He died June 22, 1838 Harford, PA. They had 9 children:

Elizabeth 1784, d. 1857 Harford PA m. 1807 Aaron Greenwood, merchant
Peter, 1785 Attleboro, m. Mehitable Gilbert
Stephen Richardson, 1787 Attleboro, d. 1823 Harford, PA m. Mercy Carpenter dau. of Obadiah & Mercy (Tyler) Carpenter (This MERCY was dau. of Deacon & Mercy (THACHER) Tyler of Ararat, PA)
Thomas 1789-1825, m. 1) Betsy W. Mills, 2nd) Sally Mills & had 5 daughters
Sarah Fisher 1790-1869 was adopted & unmarried
Moses 1795 Princeton, MA d. 1878 Cambridge, Ill m. Henrietta Wilmarth dau. of Stephen Wilmarth & Lurana Wilmarth: 5 children
Hannah 1799 m. Rev. Wm. Wells Pride 3 children; missionaries in Mississippi
Tyler 1801 m. 1) Fidelia Thompson; 2nd Nancy Newton: 3 children. He d. in CA.
Philencia (Philena) 1803, m. Ebenezer Hotchkiss: Missionary Choctaw Mission MS

JOHN born Oct. 25, 1759, farmer, m. Sarah "Sally" Richardson, dau. of Daniel & Sarah (Reed) Richardson; he died 1840 Harford, PA. Name was changed to "Thatcher" on Revolutionary service pension record. They had 10 children:

Sally T. 1781 Attleboro m. Col. Job Tyler
Nathan Prince 1783 Attleboro, m. Nancy Tiffany; died 1824 PA.
John Jr. 1786 Attleboro, died 1860 Harford, PA m. Sally Moore: 6 children.
Myra 1789 m. Philander Stephens
Daniel 1791 m. Hulda Read
Bethiah 1793 - 1844 m. Eliphalet Ellsworth 1814. To LaSalle County, Ill.
Rebeccah 1796, died age 80. Kept a Journal.
Olney 1799 m. Lavina Sweet.
Amanda 1802, m. James Greenwood.
Seth Williston 1805 - died 1897; m. Nancy Sweet, granddau. of Hosea Tiffany.

MARY born Mar. 24, 1762 Attleboro, resided Harford, PA, unmarried; died 1836.

BETHIAH born Mar. 27, 1764 Attleboro, died 1845 Attleboro; m. Noah Blanding, 11 child.

MOSES born Aug. 15, 1766 Attleboro, one of Nine Partners of Harford, PA; m. 1) Sarah Reed, 2) Mary Tiffany Read; he died 1845 Lynn, Ohio at the home of daughter, Sarah Atherton (Thacher) Seymour. (3 children by 1st wife)

SAMUEL born Oct. 28, 1768 Attleboro; one of the Nine Partners, died 1833 Harford, PA. Married Betsy Carpenter, dau. of Daniel; 9 ch. (Thomas born & died 1809)

Daniel Carpenter 1793 - 1866 Vermillion Co., Ill. Unmarried
Peter 1796 Harford, PA, died 1843; m. Emeline Pond : 5 children
Enos 1798 Harford, PA, d. 1840; m. 1) Alcamena Case, 2) Charlotte Toney; 4 ch.
Samuel, 1800 Harford, PA; died 1872 Wheaton, Ill, unmarried.
Eliza 1804 Harford, died Wheaton, Ill 1868 unmarried.
Mary 1806 Harford, PA, died 1855 Aurora, Ill; m. Rockwell Guile: 7 children.
Betsy 1810 Harford PA m. Austin Pye & died at Napiervill, Ill. 1 child
Harriet Newell 1815, Harford PA m. Eldred Thatcher (1818-1899); d. Ill 1855.

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THACHER - THATCHER AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORDS

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THACHER-THATCHER: This name appears under the form of Tatcher, Thachar, Thachur, Thather, Thaxsher, Thetcher.

AMASA Pvt:VT (1742-1828) m. 1)____ Hyde, m. 2) ____ Hawley [DAR:672]

AMOS Pvt:PA (1755-1784) m. Jerminia Corwin. Soldier & Spy in NJ & PA [DAR:672 & SAR #60697]

ANTHONY Pvt:MA (1744-1806) m. Betsy Taylor [DAR:672 & SAR #59613]
MA Soldiers & Sailors p501: Capt Geo Lewis' co, Col Freeman's rgt, 1778

ASA Pvt:CT (1755-1833 VT) m. 1) Hannah Hunt, 2) Hannah Haynes, 3) Sally Curtis; DAR EJT:115 (Benj.^{6}, Rodolphus^{5} (Ralph), Rodolphus^{4} (Ralph), Thomas^{3}, Peter^{2}, Peter^{1}) SAR

BENJAMIN Pvt:CT (1764-1835) m. 1) Sybel Foster, 2) Phebe York [DAR:672, EJT:116; SAR]
(Benj.^{6}, Rodolphus^{5} (Ralph), Rodolphus^{4} (Ralph), Thomas^{3}, Peter^{2}, Peter^{1})

BENJAMIN Pvt:NH (1724-1807) m. Desire Yerrington, DAR:672 [Parents of Benj. & Asa]
(Rodolphus^{5}, Rodolphus^{4}, Thomas^{3}, Peter^{2}, Peter^{1}) [EJT:86]

DAVID 'PS CS':MA (1730-1801) m. Abigail Russell DAR:672
(Judah^{4}, Col. John Sr.^{3}, Anthony^{2}, Rev. Peter^{1}) [Totten:136]
MA Soldiers & Sailors: Capt Lot Crowell's co, Col. N. Freeman's rgt 1778

EBENEZER Sgt:MA (1754-1831) m. Tamsen Taylor. Yarmouth, [DAR:672]
(Joseph^{4}, Col. John Sr.^{3}, Anthony^{2}, Rev. Peter^{1}) [Totten:252]
MA Soldiers & Sailors p507: Pvt. Capt Joshua Gray's co; Col. N. Freeman's rgt, 1st Barnstable Co.; Capt Lamont's co, Col. Bradford's rgt; enlistment 3 years 1777; Sgt 5th co, Col Bradford's rgt; Capt Haskell's co, Col Bradford's rgt; Capt Micah Hamlen's co, Col Hallet's rgt 1780, discharged Oct 31, 1780.

EDWARD Pvt:PA (1750-1785) m. Sarah Snyder [DAR:672]

ELIAKIM 'Tms':CT (1763-1848) m. Abigail Swift[DAR:672] (Deborah Swift:EJT:105)
(Thomas^{6}, Rodolphus^{5}, Rodolphus^{4}, Rev. Thomas^{3}, Rev. Peter^{2}, Rev. Peter^{1})

ELISHA Pvt:NH (1760 CT-1835NH) m. Temperance Sholes[DAR:672 SAR #39844]
(Thomas^{6}, Rodolphus^{5}, Rodolphus^{4}, Thomas^{3}, Peter^{2}, Peter^{1}) [EJT:104]
MA Soldiers & Sailors p501: Capt Geo Lewis's co, Col Freeman's rgt.

GEORGE Pvt:MA (1754-1824) m. Sarah Savage [DAR:672] [Hon. George of Barnstable]
(Peter^{5}, Peter^{4}, Col. John Sr.^{3}, Anthony^{2}, Rev. Peter^{1}) [Totten:300]
MA Soldiers & Sailors p501: Capt Elisha Hedge's co. 1779[SAR #66574]

GEORGE Master's Mate, brigantine "Tyrannicide", Capt John A. Hallet 1778
MA Soldiers & Sailors p. 507 (listed under the spelling:"Thatcher")

ISAAC Pvt:MA Capt. Ebenezer Baker's co, Col Freeman's rgt 1777[MA Soldiers:508]
Capt. Elisha Hedge's co, Barnstable 1779 MA Soldiers:501

JAMES Surgeon:MA (1754-1824) m. Susanna Hayward - Dr. James of Plymouth, MA[DAR:672]
(John^{5}, Col. John Jr.^{4}, Col. John Sr.^{3}, Anthony^{2}, Rev. Peter^{1}) Totten:351
MA Soldiers:508: Surgeon's Mate 1775; Col. Asa Whitcomb's rgt; Ticonderoga 1776; pay accounts 1777, 1778; Surgeon, Col. Henry Jackson's 16th rgt.; pay accounts 1779, 1780; Camp Providence, Boston & Castle Island 1779; Morristown 1780; Col. Henry Sherbourne's rgt; Surgeon, Col. Jackson's rgt, Gen. Stark's brigade.SAR V10

JETHRO Pvt:MA MA Soldiers p501: Capt Geo. Lewis's co, Col. Freemans rgt 1778

JOHN Capt:CT (1742-1805) m. 1) Ann Perry, 2) Mehitable Ufford Thompson[DAR:672]
(Capt. Josiah^{5}, Deacon Josiah^{4}, Col. John Sr.^{3}, Anthony^{2}, Peter^{1}) Totten:
Captain in the CT Navy 1776 at Lake Champlain on Galley,"Washington" SAR#74135

JOHN Pvt:MA Barnstable: Capt James Gray's co, Col. Thomas Marshall's rgt. 1776
MA Soldiers & Sailors pgs. 501 & 508 (same data, under both spellings)

JOHN JR. Pvt:MA Capt. Geo. Lewis's co, Col. Freeman's rgt 1778 MA Soldiers:502

JOHN Pvt:CT (1750-1809) m. Rhoda Roath [SAR:V.131] (Spelling: "Thatcher")

JOHN Pvt:CT (1739-1805) m. Abigail Swift [DAR:672] Capt. CT Militia:SAR V.375
(Peter^{5}, Ralph^{4}, Rev. Thomas^{3}, Rev. Peter^{2}, Rev. Peter^{1}) [EJT:61]

JOHN Pvt MA (1759-1841 PA) m. Sarah ("Sally") Richardson (d/o Daniel)
"of Attleboro, MA" DAR:672 EJT:77 [SAR V.220]
(Peter^{6}, Peter^{5}, Peter^{4}, Rev. Thomas^{3}, Rev. Peter^{2}, Rev. Peter^{1})
MA Soldiers:502: Capt Elisha May's co 1776; Capt Moses Wilmarth's co, Col. Thomas Carpenter's rgt.; also Corporal in Capt Caleb Richardson's co 1780.

Our List of Thachers & Thatchers is continued on pages 4, 5, & 6...

THACHER-THATCHER in Revolutionary War Records, continued...

JOHN OXENBRIDGE Pvt:MA (1764-1843) m. Lucy Richmond [DAR:672 SAR V. ?]
(Samuel[6], Peter[5], Peter[4], Rev. Thomas[3], Rev. Peter[2], Rev. Peter[1]) EJT:147
[MA Soldiers:502] Pvt Continental Army 3 years to 1780 - from Middleboro,MA

JOSEPH Capt:NJ Capt. Joseph Thatcher, 2nd regt. Hunterdon Co, NJ
["Jerseymen in the Revolutionary War" p414]

JOSEPH Pvt:NH (1756-1802) m. Rebecca Gould [DAR:672 SAR V.72]
MA Soldiers:508: Keene, NH, Capt Jeremiah Stile's co, Col. Paul D. Sargent's 28th regt.1775; 1776 pay for losses at Lexington & Bunker Hill.

JOSEPH Pvt:MA Capt John Grannis's co 1776 Dukes Co.:Elizabeth Islands; from Barnstable, MA; roll dated "Tarpaulin Cove". to June 1, 1776 [MA Soldiers:502 & 8]
Also: Pvt CApt John Russell's co, 1776 stationed at Martha's Vineyard under Maj. Barachiah Bassett. [MA Soldiers:508]

JOSEPH Seaman, ship "General Putnam" Capt. Daniel Waters 1779 on Penobscot Expedition. Roll sworn to in Suffolk Co. [MA Soldiers:508]

JOSEPH Jr. Yarmouth 1777 returned by Col. Nathaniel Freeman to Brig. Otis. [MA Soldiers:508]

JOSIAH Pvt:CT (1728-1807) m.1) Mary Fitch, 2) Wait Burwell [DAR:672 SAR]

JOSIAH 1st Lt:MA (1732-1802) m.1) Desire Crowell, 2) Mary (Miller) Hedge Yarmouth [SAR V.54, 55]
(Judah[4], Col. John Sr.[3], Anthony[2], Rev. Peter[1]) Totten:
MA Soldiers:509 1st Barnstable Co. rgt, Col. Nathaniel Freeman 1777; 1778 officer Capt. Lot Crowell's 11th (Yarmouth) co; Capt Joseph Franklin's co. Col. Tyler's rgt 1779; on list of officers to serve at Rhode Island to 1780.

JOSIAH Pvt:MA Capt James Gray's co., Col. Thomas Marshall's rgt 1776 - Barnstable

JUDAH Pvt:MA Barnstable & Yarmouth - Pvt Maj. Trescott's co., 16th Mass. rgt 1776

JUDAH Pvt Capt Joseph Franklin's co, Col. Nathan Tyler's rgt 1779: returned by Brig. Gen. John Glover dated Springfield 1780; 5 ft.2", light complexion, engaged for town of Yarmouth 1780 under Capt CLark; passed muster at a return dated Camp Totaway Oct 25, 1780. [MA Soldiers:509.]

LEVI Pvt:VT (1740-1817) m. Adosha _____ [DAR:672]

LEWIS Pvt:MA Capt Joshua Gray's co 1775 Barnstable Co.; Corporal, Capt Matthias Tobey's co., Col. Aaron Willard's regt; Ticonderoga 1777; discharged at Fort Edward: 324 miles travel allowed said Thatcher.

LOT Pvt:MA (1757-1833) m. Abigail (Swift) Fearing [DAR:672 SAR V.396]
(Roland[5], Col. John Jr.[4]. Col. John Sr.[3], Anthony[2], Rev. Peter[1])
Fifer, Capt.Joseph Parker's co, Col. Gushing's regt 1776. [MA Soldiers:510]

LOT Pvt:MA Capt John Gibb's co, Col. John Jacob's regt 1780 - roll at Wareham
Pvt Capt. David Nye's 4th co, 4th Plymouth regt. 1776;for defense of the Elizabeth Islands; Capt John Gibb's co, Col Sprout's 4th Plym. regt. 1778; same co & regt. 1779 marched to Falmouth. [MA Soldiers:502]

NATHANIEL Pvt/Ensign:MA, Milton. (1758-1809), unmarried. Lt. in 6th Mass. regt. [EJT:137]
(Oxenbridge[6], Oxenbridge[5], Peter[4], Thomas[3], Peter[2], Peter[1]) EJT:137
MA Soldiers:502 & 510: Pvt., Capt. Edward P. William's co, 36th regt 1775 - also 1775 same co, Col. Greaton's regt.; Ensign Col. Henry Jackson's 16th regt.; Ensign, Capt. Thomas Cartright's co, Col. Jackson's regt. 1778; 1777, Maj. Lemuel Trescott's 3rd co, Col. Jackson's regt.; muster Pawtuxet 1779; 1780 Col. Col, Trescott's & Col. Jackson's regts.; Lt. 6th Mass regt under Col. Benj. Tupper; return of officers 1783.

Lt. 2nd Mass regt of Col. Ebenezer Sprout, 1783; signed pay for service in order 6th Mass regt. dated Feb. 18, 1784.

NOTE: If you have or know of a Revolutionary soldier's service record not included, please write to the editor.

THACHER-THATCHER in Revolutionary War Records, continued...

OBADIAH Pvt:MA, Attleboro. (1757-1838 PA) m. Elizabeth Richardson. [DAR:672 SAR V.213]
(Peter^6, Peter^5, Peter^4, Thomas^3, Peter^2, Peter^1) [EJT: 100]
Pvt. Colonel's co, Col. Henry Jackson's regt., 1777-1780; Lt. Hodijah Bayles's co of grenadiers 1778, Pawtuxet; Lt. Hobby's co, Col. Jackson's regt. 1779; payroll Camp Providence 1779; Morristown 1780; discharged 1780.Pvt. Capt. Moses Wilmarth's co., Col. Isaac Dean's regt. 1780; also Capt. Jabez Barney's co, return to West Point 1781. [MA Soldiers: 502, 503, 510 & 511.]

PETER SR. Chaplain:MA, Attleboro. (Chaplain & Surgeon) (1715-1785) m. Bethiah Carpenter
(Rev. Peter^5, Rev. Peter^4, Rev. Thomas^3, Rev. Peter^2, Rev. Peter^1)[EJT:60 DAR]
Col. Daggett's regt., 1778; stationed at Providence & Tiverton R.I, Brig Gen. Esek Cornell's brigade. [MA Soldiers:511 SAR V.10, 90]

PETER JR. Pvt:MA, Attleboro. (1753-1814) m. Nanny Tyler. [DAR:672, EJT:99]
(Peter^6, Peter^5, Peter^4, Thomas^3, Peter^2, Peter^1)
Pvt:MA, Attleboro. Capt. Moses Wilmarth's 9th co, Col. Dagget's 4th Bristol & Capt. Caleb Richardson's co, Col. Walker's regt. 1775.
Capt. Joseph Durfee's co 1778 - Freetown.
Capt. Lot Crowell's co, Col. Nathaniel Freeman's regt. 1778, Dartmouth
Capt. Alexander Foster's co, Capt. Thomas Carpenter's regt. to R.I. 1778
Sgt. John Luther's co 1779, Freetown
Capt. Seth Talbut's co, Col. John Hathaway's regt. 1779 in R.I.
Capt. Moses Wilmarth's co, Col. Isaac Dean's regt. 1780, Freetown & R.I.
Capt. Henry Brightman's co, Col Livingston's regt 1779 Freetown & R.I.
[MA Soldiers:503 & 511]

ROLAND Pvt:MA (1745-1813) m. Elizabeth Nye [DAR:672 Totten:362]
(Rev. Roland^5, Col. John Jr^4, Col. John Sr.^{3}, Anthony^2, Rev. Peter^1)
Pvt. Capt David Nye's co 4th Plymouth Co. regt 1776 for defense of Elizabeth Islands; also Capt. David Nye's 2nd Wareham co, Col. Sprout's regt Dartmouth 1778. [MA Soldiers:503.]

SAMUEL Pvt:CT (1754-1846) m. Rebekah Durkee, [DAR:672]

SAMUEL Cpl:MA (1717-1795) m1) Deborah Bennett (son Peter b.1749) 2) Mrs. Sarah Kent
(Peter^5, Peter^4, Thomas^3, Peter^2, Peter^1) [DAR:672, EJT:91,92 SAR V. 391]

Capt. Job Pierce's co, Col. Theopilis Cotten's Plym. Co. Regt 1777, Middleboro, service 30 days at R.I. - Oct.
Captain serving as private: Capt Wm Tupper's co, Col. Titcomb's regt Apr-Jn 1777 under Maj. Gen. Spencer on expedition to R.I..
Captain: 1776; also Colonel, 1st Middlesex Co regt, Brig Gen. Eleazar Brooks's brigade 1779.
Cambridge, Mass: Capt of a co of militia Col. Gardner's regt; 1775; 1776 was chosen Colonel, 1st Middlesex Co. of Mass. militia: Dorchester Heights 1776; joined Gen. Heath's division Aug. 1778
List of 4th Hampshire Co. regt 1780: age 63, 5'6". complexion dark; engaged for town of Pelham 1780; also Pvt, Capt. Job Alvord's co, Col. S. Murray's regt. 1780 July to Oct. [MA Soldiers: 503, 504, 511, 112.]

SAMUEL Jr. Pvt:MA Middleboro: (1760-) m. ? resided in England. [EJT:191, 147]
(Samuel^6, Peter^5, Peter^4, Thomas^3, Peter^2, Peter^1)
Pvt, Capt. Nathaniel Wood's co, Col. Simon Cary's regt, 1776, Middleboro
1776, Pvt. detachment from Capt. Samuel Thacher's co commanded by Ensign Joseph Bates, "Colton Manna", NY.
Middleboro: List mustered for Plymouth Co. 1778, Pvt 7th co Col. Bradford's regt., age 19, 5'5", complexion light, hair light; list of deserters from 14th Mass regt 1778, dated West Point 1782 as returned from 7th Mass. regt.
[MA Soldiers:503, 511, 512]

SAMUEL Marine, frigate, Boston, Capt. Samuel Tucker, 1779 [MA Soldiers:512]

SOLOMAN Pvt, Capt Joshua Gray's co Barnstable 1775; also Capt Crowell's co, Col. Nathaniel Freeman's regt 1778 service in Dartmouth & Falmouth MA Sold:512

THACHER-THATCHER in Revolutionary War Records, concluded.

THOMAS Pvt:MA, Attleboro. (1755-1823) unmarried. [EJT:100]
(Rev. Peter^{6}, Rev. Peter^{5}, Rev. Peter^{4}, Thomas^{3}, Rev. Peter^{2}, Rev. Peter^{1})
Pvt, Colonel's co, Col. Henry Jackson;s regt. 1777 to 1780; Lt. Hodijah Bayle's co of grenadiers, Col. Jackson's regt. 1778 PA; & Providence; Pawtuxet; Lt. Hobby's co, Col. Jackson's regt. 1779; Morristown 1779 & 1780.
1777, list Bristol Co : age 22, 5'10", Col. Henry Jackson's regt.
1775 A 'Thomas 'is listed as serving in Capt. Samuel Gregg's co, Col. Cargill's
1776 A 'Thomas 'is listed as serving in Capt Nathaniel Winslowe's co
1780 Capt Alex. Foster's co, Col Thos Carpenter's regt 1780 to Tiverton RI
[Ma Soldiers:504, 512, 513]

THOMAS Sgt:MA (1757-1806) m. Mary Churchill. [DAR:672, Totten:304]
(Lt. Peter^{5}, Hon Peter^{4}, Col. John SR.^{3}, Anthony^{2}, Rev. Peter^{1})
Yarmouth; Pvt. Capt Nathaniel, Col. Josiah Whitney's regt. 1776
Sgt, Capt Joseph Palmer's co, Col. Josiah Whitney's regt 1777 in R.I.
Sgt, Capt. Joseph Griffith's co, Col. John Jacob's regt 1788-1799
Sgt, Capt. Elisha Hedge's co, Col. Freeman's regt. 1779 on alarm at Falmouth. Roll sworn at Barnstable Co.

THOMAS Seaman, on brigantine "Freedom, Capt. John Clouston 1777; also list of prisoners at NY; list of prisoners sent from Newport, RI on the prison-ship, Lord Sandwich & landed at Bristol, March 7, 1778; Marine, frigate "Boston", Capt. Samuel Tucker 1779. [MA Soldiers:504, 512]

WILLIAM Cpl:MA, Yarmouth. (1743-1829) m. Thankful Hedge. [DAR:672, Totten:246] SAR V. 193]
(Judah^{4}, Col. John Sr.^{3}, Anthony^{2}, Rev. Peter^{1})
Capt Lot Crowell's co, Col. Nathaniel Freeman's regt. 1778; also Corporal, same co & regt. 1780. [MA soldiers :513]

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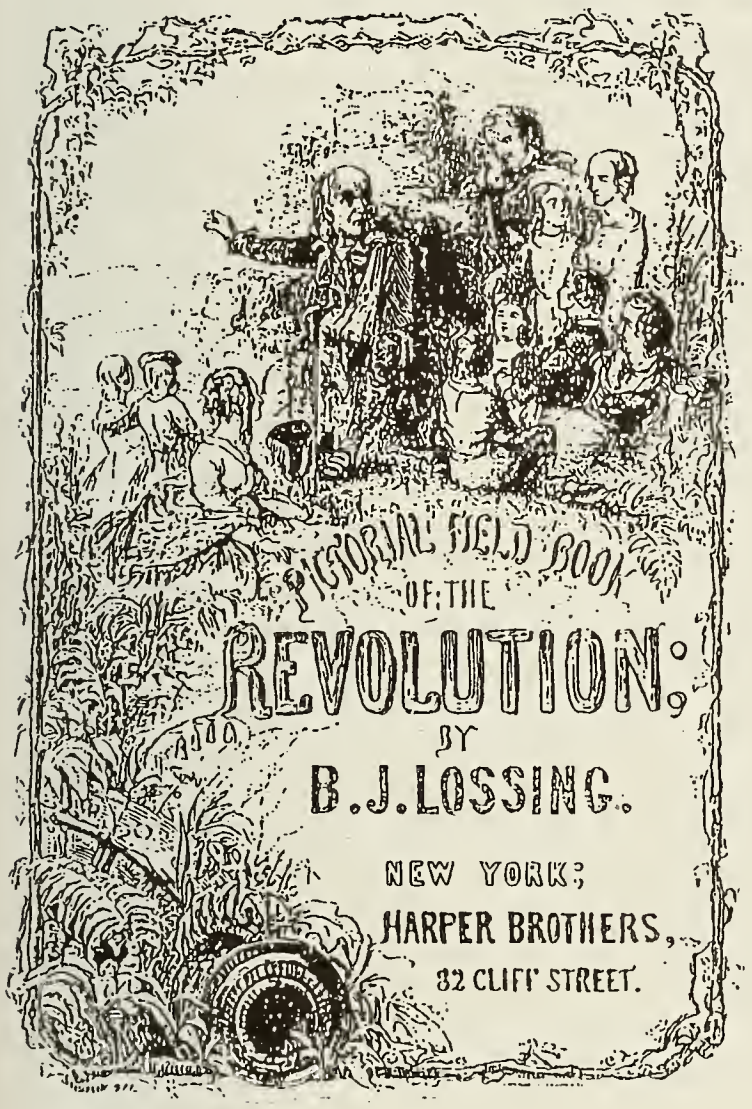
V.213: Charles Wilmarth Thacher, Illinois State Society, No. 2890, Nat'1. No. 42587



RICHARD M. DORSON on "Narratives of the Patriots"
from the Introduction to AMERICA REBELS, 1953

In the peaceful years that followed 1815, the American eagle began to flap its wings, croak shrilly on the Fourth of July, and think back to its fledgling days with pride. The War of Independence produced literary as well as political freedom, and has left us with a proud, ragged literature from the pens of buckskin patriots; rebels or Loyalist, civilians, celebrated officers and obscure privates who, in the normal course of events would have gone to their graves with their stories unwritten.

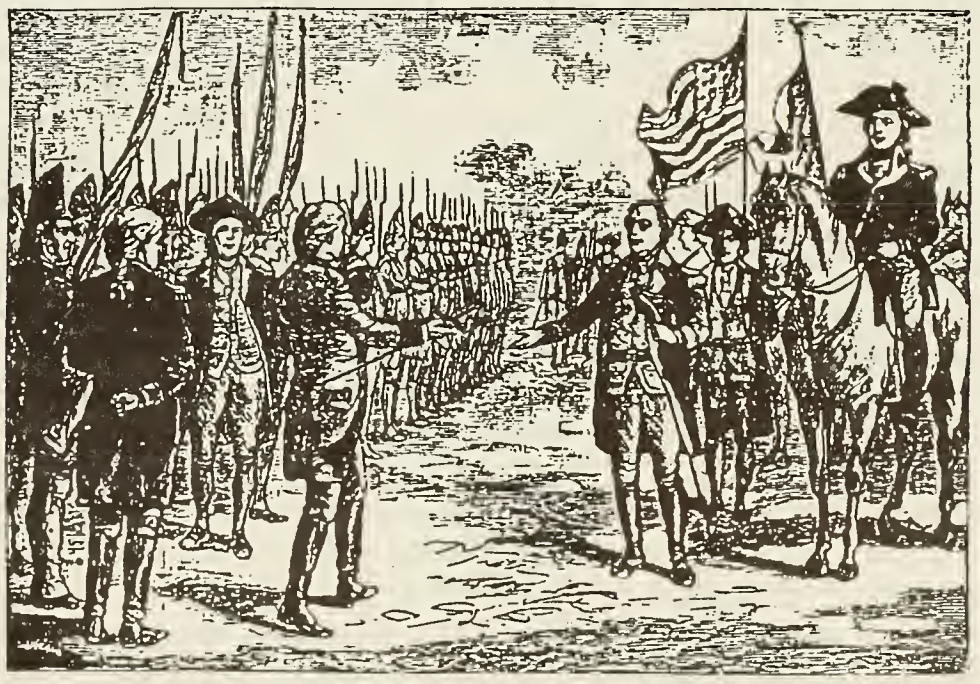
Storytelling had flourished among Americans from their first landings. Revolutionary sagas fit into this repertoire of personal adventures. The veterans began to tell stories to their grandchildren, thrilling the story-hungry children, who begged grandpa for his patriot memories. Some wrote down their stories or dictated their memories to family members.

Soon, the old men who had humbly and dutifully stood watch at Bunker Hill and Valley Forge found themselves invested with an historic glamour. The veterans were urged to speak and write. Collections of narratives & bloodcurdling stories of the Revolution were printed in the mid 1800's. Benson Lossing inserted oral reminiscences from interviews into his "Pictorial Field-Book of the Revolution", 1850. (Cover at left)

Thus the aged warriors were prompted to relate their experiences for entertainment and for the historical record catering to the new nationalism following the War of 1812. With Andy Jackson entering the White House from the backwoods, the age of the common man had formally commenced by 1828, and common men felt encouraged to write about their war. The democratic ideal honoring the foot soldier along with the general bequeathed us a democratic literature, crude, forthright and often powerful in its simplicity.

So, the veterans set down their memories, for posterity, for money, for the awe and inspiration of their countrymen. Their stories pulse with the homily speech of simple settlers who fought for independence and freedom, and some of them qualify as noteworthy documents in our literary heritage.

Note: In 1953 Richard M. Dorson was Professor of History and Folklore at Indiana University.



Surrender at Yorktown

On the following pages is a personal account written by Dr. James Thacher (1754-1844) from Richard M. Dorson's "America Rebels".

A spectacular description of the siege of Yorktown occurs in Dr. Thacher's "Diary of the American Revolution" which far exceeds in literary finish any other Revolutionary journal.

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Prof. Dorson is author of America in Legend, Folklore from the Colonial Period.

Excerpt from A MILITARY JOURNAL during the American Revolutionary War, 1775 - 1783

October 8th and 9th, 1781. The duty of our troops has been for several days extremely severe Our regiment labors in the trenches every other day and night, where I find it difficult to avoid suffering by the cold, having no other covering than a single blanket in the open field. We erected a battery last night in front of our first parallel, without any annoyance from the enemy. Two or three of our batteries being now prepared to open on the town (York-town), His Excellency General Washington put the match to the first gun, and a furious discharge of cannon followed, and Earl Cornwallis has received his first salutation.

From the 10th to the 15th, a tremendous and incessant firing from the American and French batteries is kept up, and the enemy returns the fire, but with little effect. A red-hot shell from the French battery set fire to the Charon, a British forty-four-gun ship, and two or three smaller vessels at anchor in the river, which were consumed in the night. From the bank of the river I had a view of this splendid conflagration. The ships were enwrapped in a torrent of fire, which, spreading with vivid brightness among the combustible rigging, and running with amazing rapidity to the tops of the several masts, while all around was thunder and lightning from our numerous cannon and mortars, and in the darkness of night, presented one of the most sublime and magnificent spectacles which can be imagines. Some of our shells, overreaching the town, are seen to fall into the river and, bursting, throw up columns of water like the spouting of the monsters of the deep.

We have now made further approaches to the town, by throwing up a second parallel line, and batteries within about a hundred yards. This was effected in the night, and at daylight the enemy were roused to the greatest exertions. The engines of war have raged with redoubled fury and destruction on both sides; no cessation day or night. The French had two officers wounded and fifteen men killed or wounded, and among the Americans two or three were wounded. I assisted in amputating a man's thigh. The siege is daily becoming more and more formidable and alarming, and His Lordship must view his situation as extremely critical, if not desperate.

Being in the trenches every other night and day, I have a fine opportunity of witnessing the sublime and stupendous scene which is continually exhibiting. The bomb shells from the besiegers and the besieged are incessantly crossing each other's paths in the air. They are clearly visible in the form of a black ball in the day, but in the night they appear like a fiery meteor with a blazing tail, most beautifully brilliant, ascending majestically from the mortar to a certain altitude, and gradually descending to the spot where they are destined to execute their work of destruction. It is astonishing with what accuracy an experienced gunner will make his calculations, that a shell shall fall within a few feet of a given point and burst at the precise time, though at a great distance. When a shell falls, it whirls around, burrows, and excavates the earth to a considerable extent, and, bursting, makes dreadful havoc around. I have more than once witnessed fragments of the mangled bodies and limbs of the British soldiers thrown into the air by the bursting of our shells; and by one from the enemy, Captain White of the Seventh Massachusetts Regiment and one soldier were killed and, another wounded near where I was standing. About twelve or fourteen men have been killed or wounded within twenty-four hours. I attended at the hospital, amputated a man's arm, and assisted in dressing a number of wounds.

The enemy having two redoubts, about three hundred yards in front of their principal works, which enfiladed our entrenchment and impeded our approaches, it was resolved to take possession of them by assault. The one on the left of the British garrison, bordering on the banks of the river, was assigned to our brigade of light infantry, under the command of Marquis de la Fayette. The advanced corps was led on by the intrepid Colonel Hamilton, who had commanded a regiment of light infantry during the campaign, and assisted by Colonel Gimat. The assault commenced at eight o'clock in the evening, and the assailants bravely entered the fort with the point of the bayonet without firing a single gun. We suffered the loss of eight men killed and about thirty wounded, among whom Colonel Gimat received a slight wound in his foot, and Major Gibbs, of His Excellency's guard, and two other officers were slightly wounded. Major Campbell, who commanded in the fort, was wounded and taken prisoner, with about thirty soldiers; the remainder made their escape. I was desired to visit the wounded in the fort, even before the balls had ceased whistling about my ears, and saw a sergeant and eight men dead in the ditch. A captain of our infantry, belonging to New Hampshire, threatened to take the life of Major Campbell, to avenge the death of his favorite, Colonel Scammell, but Colonel Hamilton interposed, and not a man was killed after he ceased to resist. During the assault the British kept up an incessant firing of cannon and musketry from their whole line.

From Dorson's AMERICA REBELS, "Closing Shots" pages 276-285

19th. This is to us a most glorious day, but to the English one of bitter chagrin and disappointment. Preparations are now making to receive as captives that vindictive, haughty commander, and that victorious army, who by their robberies and murders have so long been a scourge to our brethren of the Southern state. Being on horseback, I anticipate a full share of satisfaction in viewing the various movements in the interesting scene. The stipulated terms of capitulation are similar to those granted to General Lincoln at Charleston last year. The captive troops are to march out with shouldered arms, colors cased, and drums beating a British or German march, and to ground their arms at a place assigned for the purpose. The officers are allowed their side arms and private property, and the generals and such officers as desire it are to go on parole to England or New York. The marines and seamen of the King's ships are prisoners of war to the navy of France, and the land forces to the United States. All militaty and artillary stores to be delivered up unimpaired. The royal prisoners to be sent into the interior of Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania in regiments, to have rations allowed them equal to the American soldiers, and to have their officers near them. Lord Cornwallis to man and dispatch the Bonetta sloop of war with dispatches to Sir Henry Clinton at New York without being searched, the vessel to be returned and the hands accounted for.

At about twelve o'clock, the combined army was arranged and drawn up in two lines, extending more than a mile in length. The Americans were drawn up in a line on the right side of the road, and the French occupied the left. At the head of the former the great American commander mounted on his noble courser, took his station, attended by his aides. At the head of the latter was posted the excellent Count Rochambeau and his suite. The French troops, in complete uniform, displayed a martial and noble appearance; their band of music, of which the timbrel formed a part, is a delightful novelty, and produced while marching to the ground a most enchanting effect. The Americans, though not all in uniform, nor their dress so neat, yet exhibited an erect soldierly air, and every countenance beamed with satisfaction and joy. The concourse of spectators from the country was prodigious, in point of numbers probably equal to the military, but universal silence and order prevailed.

It was about two o'clock when the captive army advanced through the line formed for their reception. Every eye was prepaired to gaze on Lord Cornwallis, the object of particular interest and solicitude, but he disappointed our anxious expectations; pretending indisposition, he made General O'Hara his substitute as the leader of his army. This officer was followed by the conquered troops in a slow and solemn step, with shouldered arms, colors cased, and drums beating a British march. Having arrived at the head of the line, General O'Hara, elegantly mounted, advanced to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, taking off his hat, and apologized for the nonappearance of Earl Cornwallis. With his usual dignity and politeness His Excellency pointed to Major General Lincoln for directions, by whom the British army was conducted into a spacious field where it was intended they should ground their arms. The royal troops, while marching through the line formed by the allied army, exhibited a decent and neat appearance as respects arms and clothing, for their commander opened his store and directed every soldier to be furnished with a new suit complete, prior to the capitulation. But in their line of march we remarked a disorderly and unsoldierly conduct, their step was irregular and their ranks frequently broken. But it was in the field when they came to the last act of the drama that the spirit and pride of the British soldier was put to the severest test; here their mortification could not be concealed. Some of the platoon officers appeared to be exceedingly chagrined when giving the word "Ground arms", and I am a witness that they performed this duty in a very unofficerlike manner, and that many of the soldiers manifested a sullen temper, throwing their arms on the pile with violence, as if determined to render them useless. This irregularity, however, was checked by the authority of General Lincoln.

After having grounded their arms and divested themselves of their accouterments, the captive troops were conducted back to Yorktown and guarded by our troops till they could be removed to the place of their destination. The British troops that were stationed at Gloucester surrendered at the same time and in the same manner to the Duck de Luzerne. This must be a very interesting and gratifying transaction to General Lincoln, who, having himself been obliged to surrender an army to a haughty foe the last year, has now assigned him the pleasing duty of giving laws to a conquered army in return, and of reflecting that the terms which were imposed on him are adopted as a basis of the surrender in the present instance.

It is a very gratifying circumstance that every degree of harmony, confidence, and friendly intercourse subsisted between the American and French troops during the campaign, no contest existing except an emulous spirit to excel in exploits and enterprise against the common enemy, and a desire to be celebrated in the annals of history for an ardent love of great and heroic actions. We are not to be surprised that the pride of the British officers is humbled on this

Conclusion of Dr. James Thacher's personal account of the Surrender at Yorktown:

occasion, as they have always entertained an exalted opinion of their own military prowess, and affected to view the Americans as a contemptible, undisciplined rabble. But there is no display of magnanimity when a great commander shrinks from the inevitable misforturnes of war, and when it is considered that Lord Cornwallis had frequently appeared in splendid triumph at the head of his army by which he is almost adored, we conceive it incumbent on him cheerfully to participate in their misfortunes and degradations, however humiliating. But it is said he gives himself up entirely to vexation and despair. *End.*

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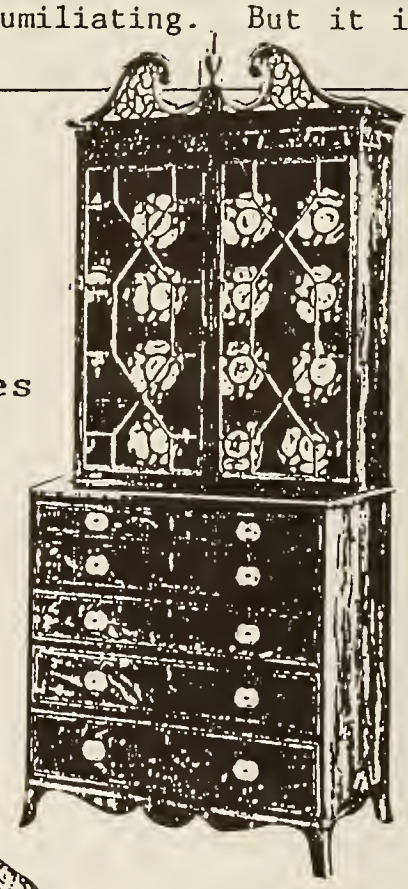

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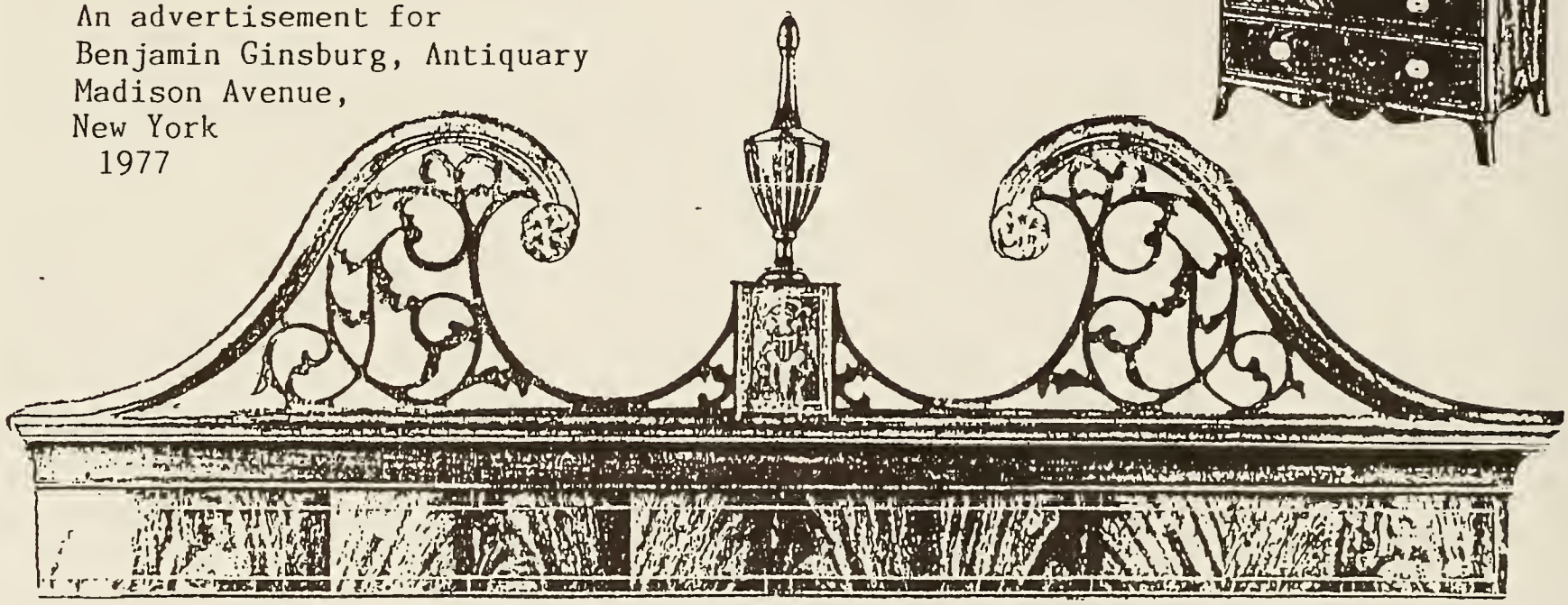

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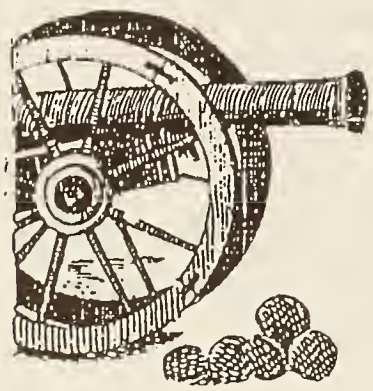

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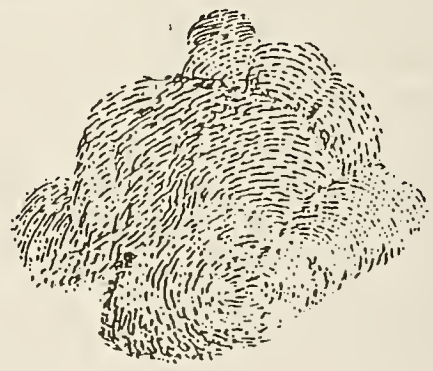

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Dear Thacher Cousins and Friends, September 1, 1995

The Story of Our Churches takes us from Attleboro, Massachusetts to Harford, Susquehanna County, in the northeast corner of Pennsylvania. See our map on page 5. The 1790 Nine Partners settlement and its 1990 Bicentennial are featured. In 1990 Elwood James Thacher of Winter Haven, Florida compiled a booklet commemorating the Bicentennial of Harford Township.

Elwood James Thacher's great grandfather, Peter Thacher (1808-1888) came to Pennsylvania from Hartford, Connecticut in 1847. His son, (Elwood's grandfather) James Peter born 1849, resided at Carbondale, Lackawanna County. Elwood's father, William Peter Thacher born 1885, and uncle, Ralph Webb Thacher 1883, supplied some Delaware & Hudson railroad lore for Elwood's "Thomas Thacher, 1620-1678, The Boston Branch" (6 volumes in U.S. Libraries). He also compiled booklets on the descendants of Anthony Thacher and on Thacher Island, among others. Elwood and his family featured in this issue are descendants of Rev. Ralph Thacher, son of Rev. Thomas Thacher of the Old South Church in Boston. See Issue 14: Martha's Vineyard; Issues 7, page 7 and Issue 16, page 8.

Elwood J. Thacher has proposed the copying & compiling of the 19 issues of The Thacher Quarterly into books for distribution in U.S. libraries. I am greatly honored by his regard for The Thacher Quarterly!

The 19th issue of The Thacher Quarterly was produced entirely on your editor's new Brother Whisper Jet word processor. The new machine, one step from being a computer, has features ideal for producing newsletters. Meantime, the old Brother WP3400 is For Sale at a twice reduced price...

On September 16, 1995, my daughter, Elizabeth Kelly Mullin and Rodney Atkins of Columbus, Ohio, will be married at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan. The couple will honeymoon at Lake Placid, New York and will make their new home in Cleveland, Ohio.

Thanksgiving Day, 1995: On November 30th, let us gather together our families and give Thanks for our Many Blessings, as did our Ancestors.

Your Cousin, Nancy

THACHER'S WOE.

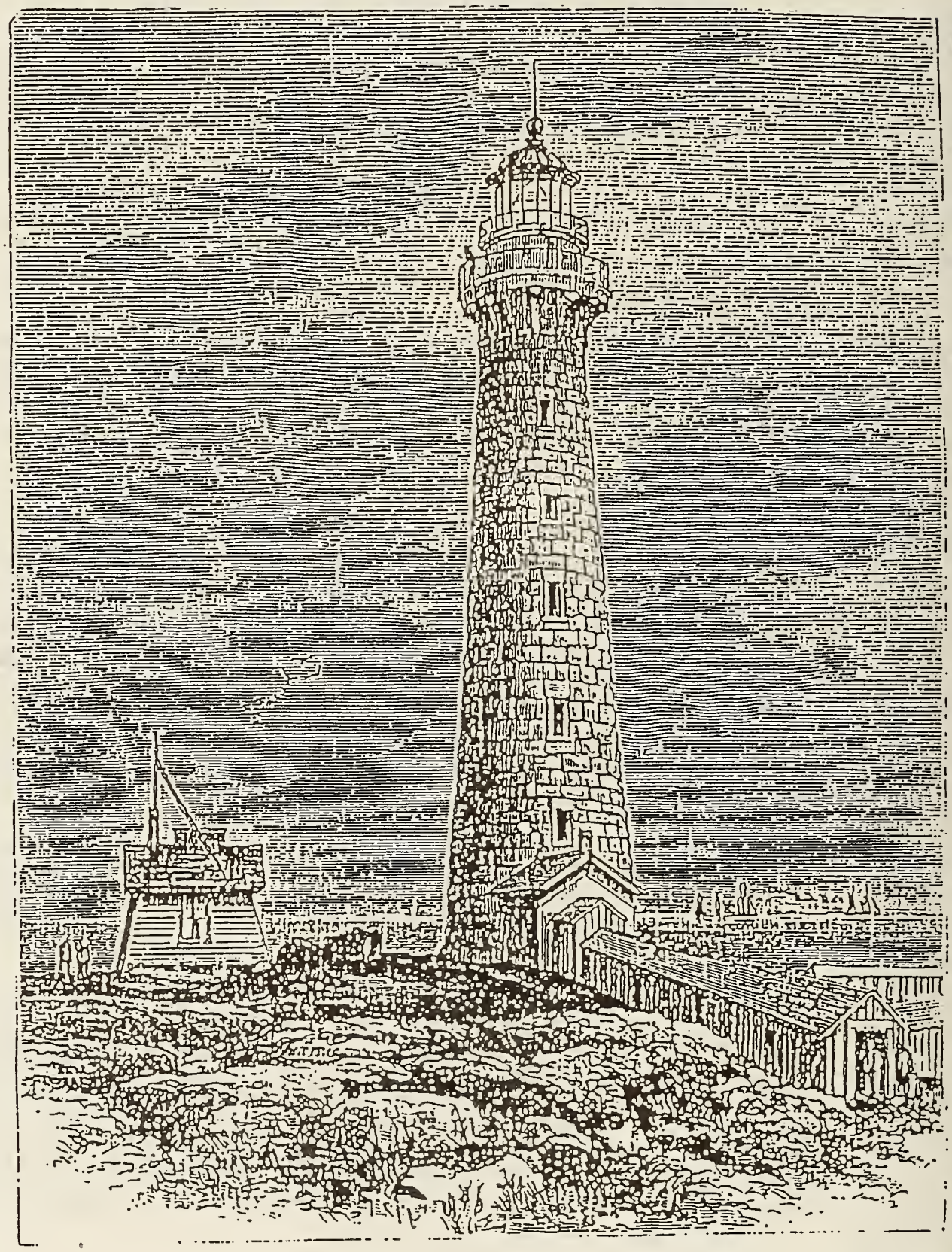
No. 1.

What in Massachusetts annals surpasses the unstudied eloquence and pitiful pathos of Anthony Thacher's narration of the woe that befell himself and compand, voyaging from Ipswich to Marblehead! In the perspective of two hundred and sixty-eight years it invests with an atmosphere of romance the island on which he and his wife were cast; only survivors of twenty-three souls. We of today cherish a kindly interest in it as long the home of Mrs. Bray, who was to Thacher's much as Mrs. Thaxter was to Appledore.

This place of such associations has recently had its honored name linked with a sensational affair and it was curious to notice how few of the many journals whose columns were full of the chief actor as if he were a great military or naval hero, spelled Thacher right. So accurate authority as Babson can be cited as twice using the superfluous "t" on page 11 of his history But clearly these were typographical errors, discovered in season for repeated correction on page 49 and in the index. And in his map, largely a reproduction of Mason's of 1851, he is careful to avoid his error existing there.

Worthy Parson John White's liking for real estate led him to buy the island in 1714 for a hundred pounds. He owned it thirteen years, then sold to Joseph Allen for one hundred and seventy-five pounds. As there could have been no repairs to charge off to profit and loss, it would seem as if he had only interest and taxes to set against the seventy-five pounds advance. Whether because government is always, when possible, made to pay the penalty of greatness, or whether the rise in land was normal, very likely somewhat of both, the Colonial Government paid five hundred pounds for the island in 1771. A dwelling and two lighthouses were soon built. The lamps were first officially lighted Dec. 21 of that year.

About the beginning of the war, Keep or Kirkwood came under ban for sentiments quite at variance with those then current on Cape Ann. Capt. Rogers' company of minute-men crossed the strait and ejected him. The place could not have been vacant long. Patriots of the filling sort are always ready. In due time the lamps were relighted, and doubtless to this day there has been no night when the twin lights have not cheered or warned some grateful mariner.



Thatcher's Island Light and fog signals, Cape Ann, Mass., c. 1875.

Thacher descendants met to commemorate the 1635 shipwreck on August 14th, 1985, on Thacher Island

GOOD MORNING SURVIVORS!

"THACHER FAMILY FEARED DROWNED", read the headline of the August 15th 1985 one-time-only issue of the Family Ties & Times newspaper. The 350th Anniversary Issue called descendants of Anthony Thacher back to Thacher Island, site of the shipwreck from which he and his wife, Elizabeth were sole survivors.

Carroll C. Thacher of S. Attleboro, Mass. publicized the survival of Anthony Thacher from the storm of August 14, 1635, "for The Sons and Daughters of August", he said. Surviving descendants, known as the Yarmouth Branch, give thanks every August mixed with sorrow for the loss of Anthony's and Elizabeth's children.

Carroll Thacher, editor, publisher and reporter for the one-time publication, considers himself and his own branch of Thachers also as survivors. Anthony's nephew, Rev. Thomas Thacher, was age 15 in 1635. Young Thomas was to take passage from Ipswich to Marblehead with his relatives, but "because of a strong impression on his mind, determined to journey by land". Thus he also was a survivor of the storm. His descendants are known as the Boston Branch of the Thacher family.

Descendants of both branches met at Rockport, Mass. on August 13,14 & 15, 1985 to commemorate the events of 350 years before. 23 attended the Memorial Service on Thacher Island; the same number of persons aboard the ill-fated craft in 1635. The greeting of the day was: "Good Morning Survivors!"

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THE NINE PARTNERS

First Congregational Church
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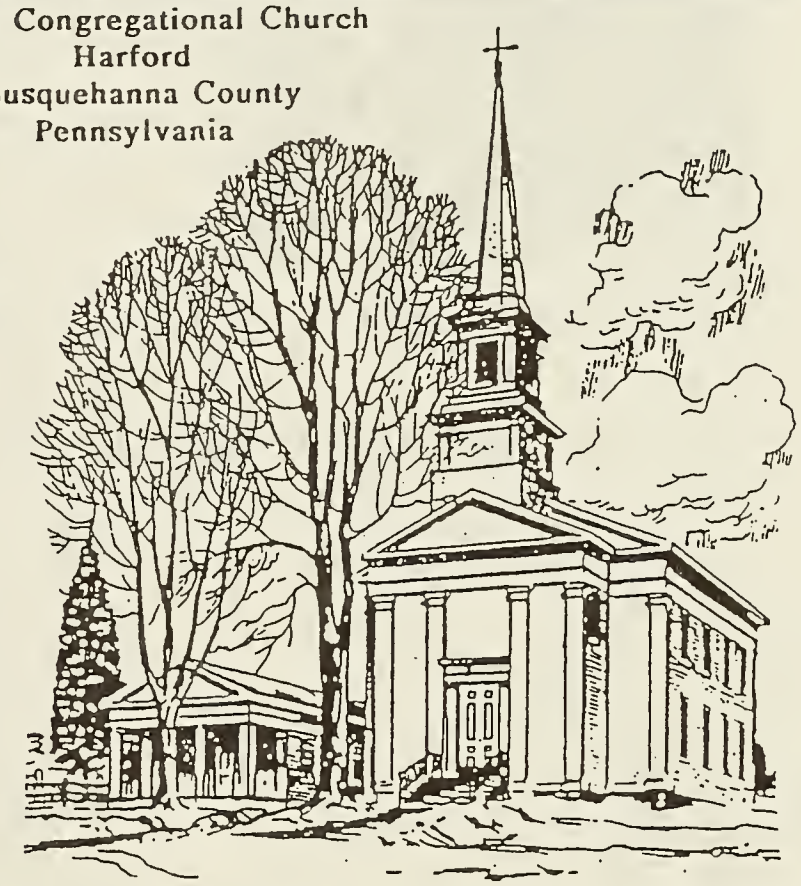

In 1790 nine young men from Attleboro, Massachusetts set out for the frontier of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, a wildnerness where no white man lived. They contracted to buy a piece of land four miles long by one mile wide for L1,198. The writings were drawn and signed on a hemlock stump, May 22, 1790.

From the "Nine Partners Settlement" came the town of Harford, a tiny settlement of New England culture. The pioneers brought with them their church, their schools, and their politics.

Within four years a school was organised and daily sessions were held at Deacon John Tyler's house. By 1817, Rev. Lyman Richardson had opened a private school to prepare young men for college. Out of this grew the Franklin Academy which became Harford University in 1850. In 1865 the buildings became the Soldier's Orphans School.

The church was slower in coming to Harford. Ten years after their settlement, missionaries found an audience at Harford. The settlers had kept their New England Congregationalism alive by their own efforts, often meeting "under the back roof of each others cabins"for Sunday worship. The First Congregational Church of Harford built in 1822, is still attended by descendants of the Nine Partners.

Politically, those at Harford were probably New England Whigs or National Republicans. The New England reform movements of the 1820's reached the remote corner of Pennsylvania. Revivalism, temperance and abolitionism swept over Harford. Distillers, one of them being Deacon John Tyler, "scarcely stopped to think twice before putting out the fires of their distilleries, forever wiping out the capital they had invested"! An Anti-Slavery Society had 200 members by 1839 and from this movement the "Free-Soil" party grew.

The Nine Partners: They were led by Hosea Tiffany (1755-1833). Robert Follett (1768-1809). Ezekiel Titus (1764-1846). Descendants of these men married Thacher descendants.

The Carpenters: Daniel Carpenter (1868-1833), Josiah Carpenter (1770-1837), cousin of brothers, Daniel and John Carpenter (1766-1838). John's grandson, Cyrus Clay Carpenter (1829-1898) studied under Rev. Lyman Richardson, and became governor of the State of Iowa.

The Richardsons: Caleb Richardson Jr. (1762-1838) married 1st, Charlotte Sweet; their eldest son was Rev. Lyman Richardson (1790-1867), clergyman and educator. Caleb Richardson, Jr. wrote about the Nine Partners in "A Legacy", 1837.

The Thachers: Four sons of the Rev. Peter Thacher (1715-1785) and his wife, Bethiah Carpenter, daughter of Obadiah Carpenter of Attleboro, came to Harford, PA. Deacon Moses Thacher (1766-1845) who married 1st Sarah Reed, and Samuel Thacher (1768-1833) who married Sally Carpenter, were two of the Nine Partners. Soon two more brothers followed. (Continued on page 8...)

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SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Attleboro, Massachusetts

Attleborough pioneers find home far away

Two hundred years ago nine family men followed their rainbow to fertile Pennsylvania

Attleboro has a long and rich history but it is a legacy that reaches far beyond the city's borders – all the way to Pennsylvania.

While most Attleboroeans will pass July 20-22 as they would other sleepy summer weekends, some distant "cousins" in Harford Township, Pennsylvania will be partying in the city's honor for its most crucial role in the establishment of their community.

The whole city is invited to attend Harford Township's bicentennial celebration, a three-day bash that will feature a parade, exhibits, a pageant, and a barbecue, among other things, said J. Kenneth Adams, Harford Township's bicentennial planning chairman.

It will be a reunion of sorts for Harfordians with names like Tiffany, Richardson, Capron, Sweet, Carpenter, Follett, Titus, and Thacher, descendants of nine young Attleborough families with those monikers who trekked over 300 miles through the wilderness from the town of Attleborough to a raw unsettled territory in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.

These family names predominate early Attleborough history. But today city residents are more likely to be familiar with the once prolific families by city street signs bearing their names.

Still, the people of Harford Township have not forgotten their forefathers and will pay homage to them this summer with a bicentennial celebration.

But 200 years ago the scene in Attleborough was not one of jubilation.

It was the autumn of 1789 and several young men had gathered to lament the cost and availability of farming land in Attleborough. The men, many of whom were married, were under the age of 30 years with the exception of Hosea Tiffany, age 36, apparently their leader.

They were concerned about how they would make their living. Some had managed to buy small farms but land was expensive and so there was little prospect of expansion in Attleborough.

And so it was decided in the winter of 1789 that the men – Hosea Tiffany, Caleb Richardson Jr., Richardson's brother-in-law Ezekiel Titus, brothers Moses and Samuel Thacher, the Thacher's cousins John and David Carpenter, Josiah Carpenter, a cousin of the Carpenter brothers, and Robert Follett – in the spring would head westward for cheaper farming land and a more temperate climate than harsh New England.

According to "A Legacy" of Harford Township written in 1837 by Caleb Richardson Jr., one of the original nine settlers, he, Tiffany, Titus, Follett, and Josiah Carpenter set out on April 27, 1790, for West Stockbridge where they were to wait for the others. From there, the party travelled to Albany, N.Y. and sought council from the surveyor general on homesteading sites.

He directed them to the area near German Flats in New York's Mohawk Valley but it was rumored that people there were sickly so the group headed for Cherry Valley, N.Y.. There they met William Cooper, a business associate of a man named Henry Drinker, who had land to sell in northern Pennsylvania.

Cooper and the men travelled 100 miles, much of it by boat down the Susquehanna River, to view Drinker's land. They liked what they saw and purchased a large tract which they would pay for over 10 years.

They named the settlement "Nine Partners," for the nine men who banded together to establish a new community. It would take another 18 years for the settlement to incorporate as Harford Township.

Meanwhile, the men did some work on the land and returned to Attleborough to ready their families for the move.

In February 1792, Hosea Tiffany and Robert Follett left Attleborough with their families, ox teams, sleds, cows, and provisions for the trip to Pennsylvania. The trip took the settlers three weeks. By the 1830s, when travel by canal and other waterways was prevalent, the journey took about five days, according to Richardson's account.

Historian George Stearns noted in his 1940 update to Wallace L. Thacher's 1888 "Centennial History" of Harford that "today one could eat breakfast in Attleboro and dine in Harford that evening."

By spring 1794 other settlers from Attleborough began to arrive. Laban Capron, Thomas Sweet, along with two of the original settlers, John Carpenter and Samuel Thacher, came with their families to live in Nine Partners.

Some of the original nine – Moses Thacher and Daniel Carpenter – moved back to Attleborough. And Josiah Carpenter went back to live in Massachusetts but close to the Vermont border.

But Hosea Tiffany, Ezekiel Titus, John Carpenter, Samuel Thacher, and Caleb Richardson lived out the rest of their lives in Harford. And Robert Follett took his own life almost 20 years after settling in Harford Township.

"Most stayed because land was so much cheaper than in Massachusetts and there was good farm land with plenty of water," said the Rev. Garford Williams, a former minister at First Congregational Church of Harford, which was built by the original settlers in 1822. The church still stands, he said, as do other structures from that period.

Today, Harford Township is a 10-mile square suburban town of about 1,200 people, few more than the number of people who lived there in 1830.

It is popular as a retirement community and for people commuting 30 miles south or north to Binghamton, N.Y. or Scranton, Pa. respectively.

Attleboro residents wishing to attend the July festivities can get travel and accommodation information by calling Endless Mountains Tourism Promotion at (717) 836-3200.

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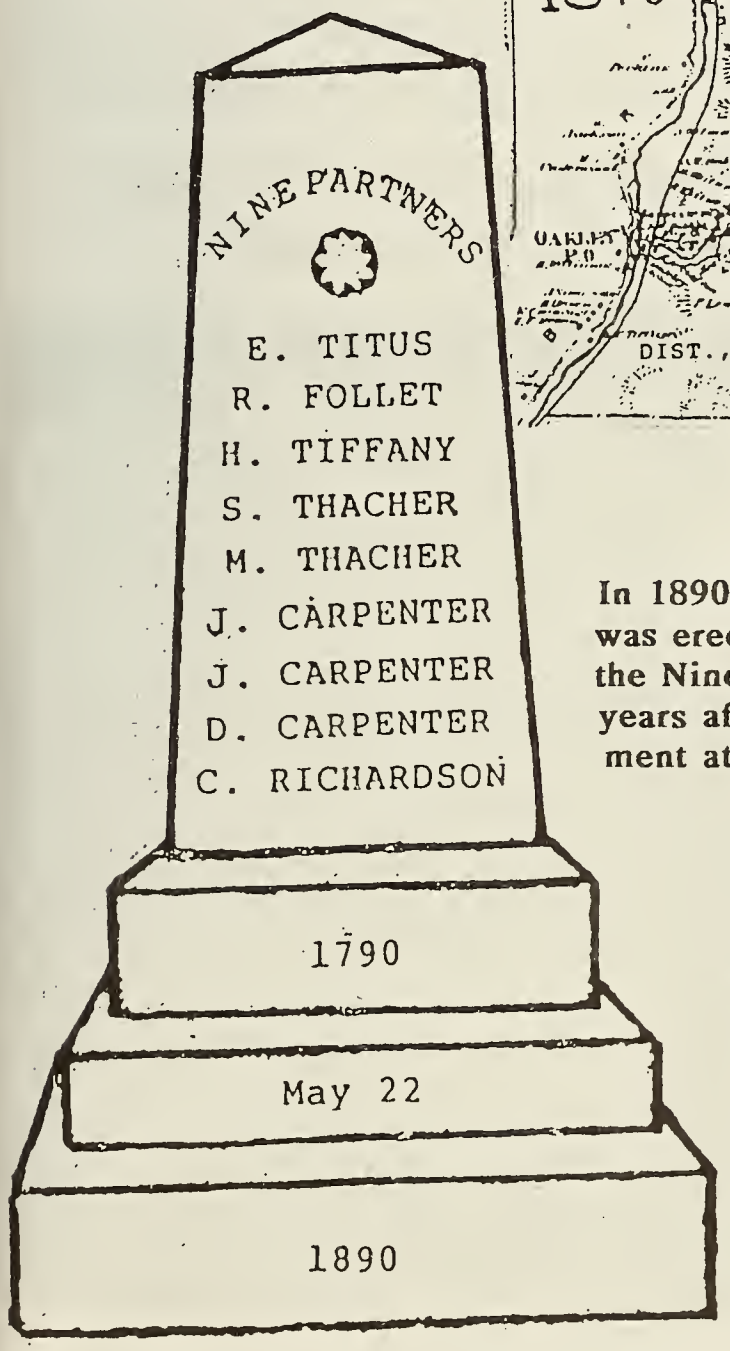

NINE PARTNERS MONUMENT
Erected At The Spring

In 1890 a monument was erected to honor the Nine Partners 100 years after their settlement at Harford, PA.

The Sampler, made by the ladies of the Kingsley Civic Club was displayed during the Bicentennial Celebration, 1990.

In the Next Issue, Part 2: More Harford, PA Thachers & Descendants !

Leader's final resting place

HARFORD TOWNSHIP, Pa. – This granite tombstone in 'Silent City' marks the final resting place of Hosea Tiffany, leader of the nine men who left Attleborough in 1790 to carve a new community out of the Pennsylvania wilderness. The tombstone was put there in 1900 by Sarah Adams, granddaughter of Hosea and Anna Wilmarth Tiffany, to replace a weathered stone.

Silent City, the cemetery in which the remains of Tiffany and five other of the original Nine Partners are buried, is located next door to Harford Congregational Church. The church was built in 1822 and is still attended by many of the descendents of the founding Nine Partners.

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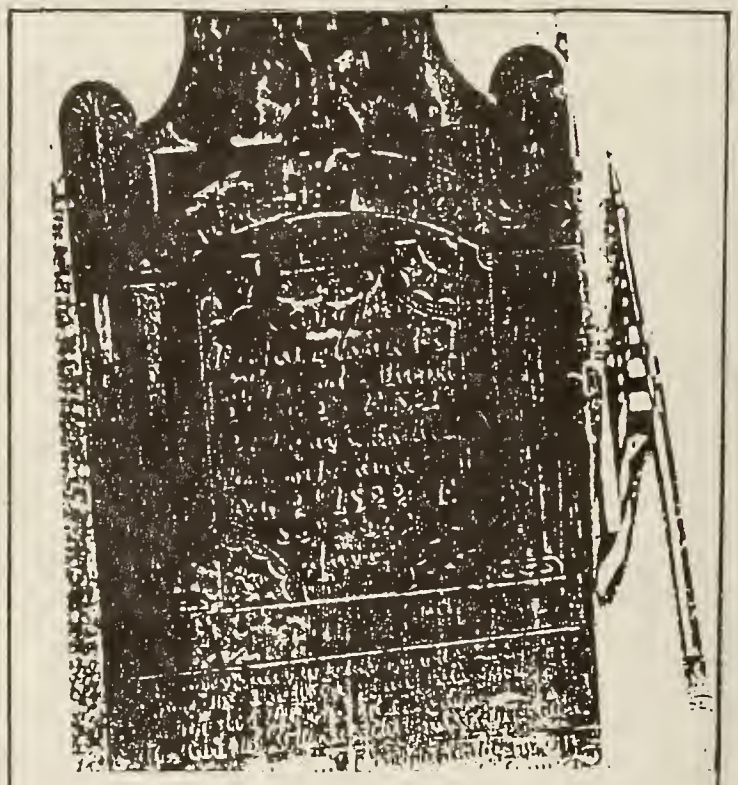

Caleb Richardson
1762-1838

Photos by Rev. Richard Bauder, desc't. of Deacon Moses Thacher

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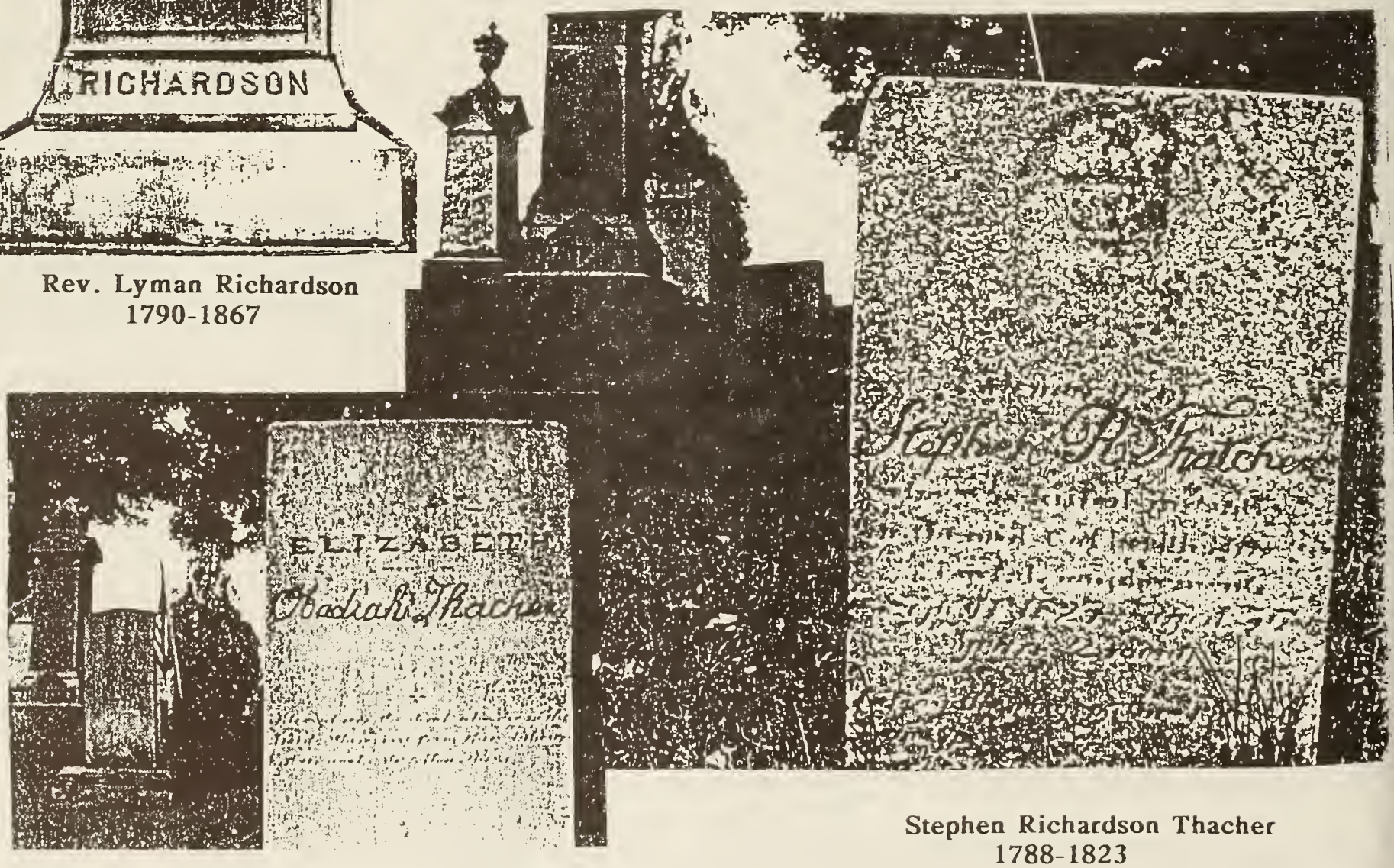
Rev. Lyman Richardson
1790-1867



Stephen Richardson Thacher
1788-1823

Elizabeth wife of Obadiah Thacher

Photos sent by Harriet Bauder Martin of Chesterfield, MO, desc't. of Deacon Moses Thacher

ELWOOD JAMES THACHER

Cousin Elwood James Thacher of Winter Haven, FL has done much to preserve the rich heritage of the Thacher family.

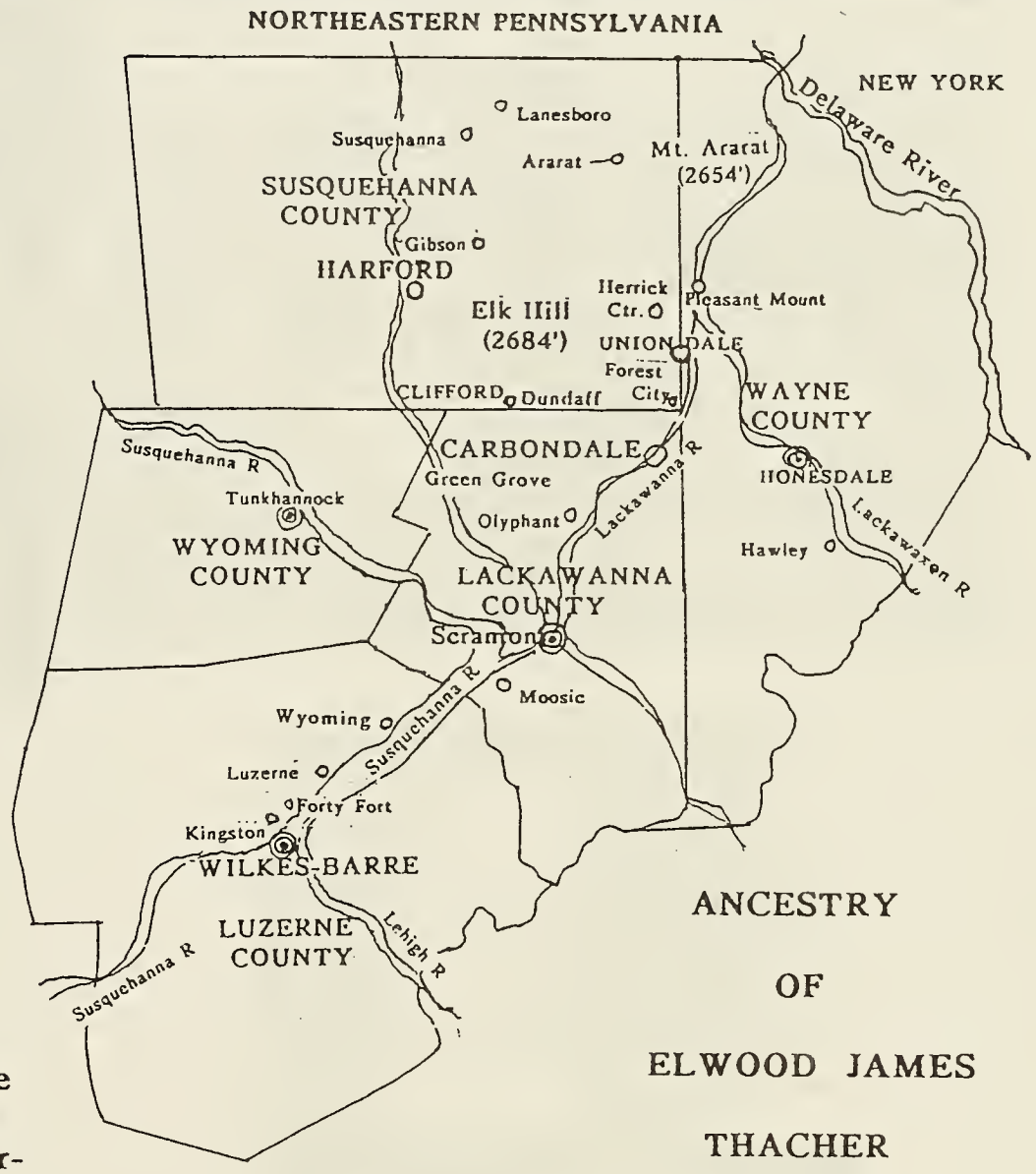
In this issue we visit northeast Pennsylvania where Elwood was born. We used the books compiled by him as references for our feature on the Harford, PA Thachers, descendants of Rev. Peter Thacher and his wife, Bethiah Carpenter Thacher of Attleboro, Massachusetts.

As a small tribute to Elwood J. Thacher, we've added views of his own northern Pennsylvania family, descendants of Rev. Ralph Thacher, 2nd eldest son of Rev. Thomas Thacher of Old South Church, Boston.

Elwood J. Thacher's great grandfather, Peter Thacher, came to Pennsylvania in 1847 from Hartford, Connecticut and resided at Carbondale and Green Grove. Cousin Elwood's grandfather, James Peter Thacher was born at Carbondale in 1849. Elwood's father, William Peter Thacher and uncle, Ralph Webb Thacher were railroad men. They all served the family well in efforts to preserve their ancestral record and must have been a great inspiration to Elwood. Correspondence was saved from Harford Thachers, their own Connecticut relatives and even from the Hon. Peter Thacher of Boston.

References for this issue include Elwood J. Thacher's booklet "Harford Township Bicentennial 1990" and his six volume "Thomas Thacher 1620-1678, The Boston Branch" (Vols. 3,4,5). He has also compiled booklets on Thacher Island and the Yarmouth Branch, descendants of Anthony Thacher, among other publications.

On behalf of all of the Thacher/Thatchers -
THANK YOU, ELWOOD JAMES THACHER!!



ANCESTRY OF ELWOOD JAMES THACHER

Rev. Thomas Thacher (1620-1678)
& 1) Elizabeth Partridge

Rev. Ralph Thacher (1648-1733)
& Ruth Partridge of Duxbury

Rev. Peter Thacher (1686-1766)
& Abigail Hibbard Lebanon CT

John Thacher (1739-1805)
& Abigail Swift Lebanon CT

Peter Thacher (1770-1849)
& Anne Parks Lempster, NH

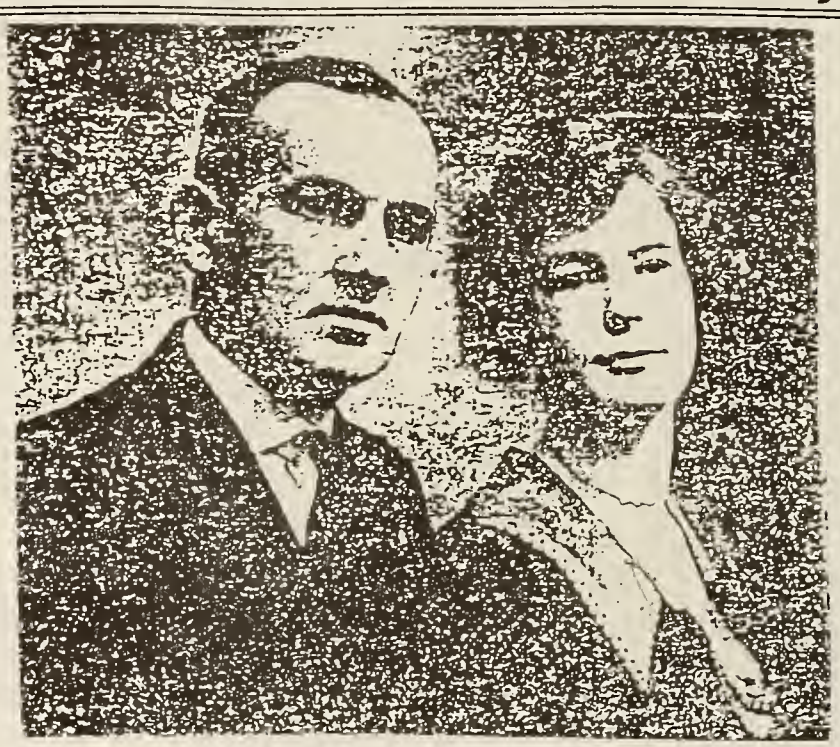
Peter Thacher (1808-1888)
& Rebecca S. Boardman
Settled in Green Grove, PA

James Peter Thacher (1849-1920)
& Flora J. Webb Carbondale PA

William Peter Thacher (1885-1957)
& Minnie Werry Wilkes Barre PA

Elwood James Thacher b. 1907
& 1) Arline B. Millham

Children of
James Peter Thacher
(1849-1920)
of Carbondale, PA:
William Peter Thacher b1885
Ralph Webb Thacher b1883
Kathryn Rebecca Thacher b1887
Photo: 1890
Sister, Hazel Evelyn Thacher
was born 1892 (no photos)



William Peter Thacher
(1885-1957)
Minnie Werry Thacher
(1887-1971)
parents of
Elwood James Thacher

Kathryn Rebecca Thacher
(1887-1964)
As she appeared at age 16

Ralph Webb Thacher
(1883-1971)
Photo: 1913

Kathryn Rebecca Thacher and her sister Hazel Evelyn (Thacher) Avery (1892-1975) were the proprietors at Carbondale, PA of the THACHER & AVERY Confectionary Store and Ice Cream Parlour on North Church St.

Ralph Webb Thacher, uncle of Elwood J. Thacher, was an engineer on the Delaware & Hudson Railroad. He was mayor of Union Dale, PA 1956-71. He married Hattie B. Tinklepaugh of Dundaff in 1902 and had Wm. W. 1904, Leon W. 1906, Flora D. 1908, and Eleanor R. 1929.

HOME IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT
EVEN A CABOOSE CAN BE NICE

A crummy caboose doesn't have to be crummy, says "Bill" Thacher. In fact, a railroad caboose can be as clean as a passenger car. All it takes is soap, elbow grease, a little paint and some ingenuity. That's the contention of the crew of the Delaware & Hudson's freight train WR-3, the fastest daily from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania to Oneonta, New York (1952).

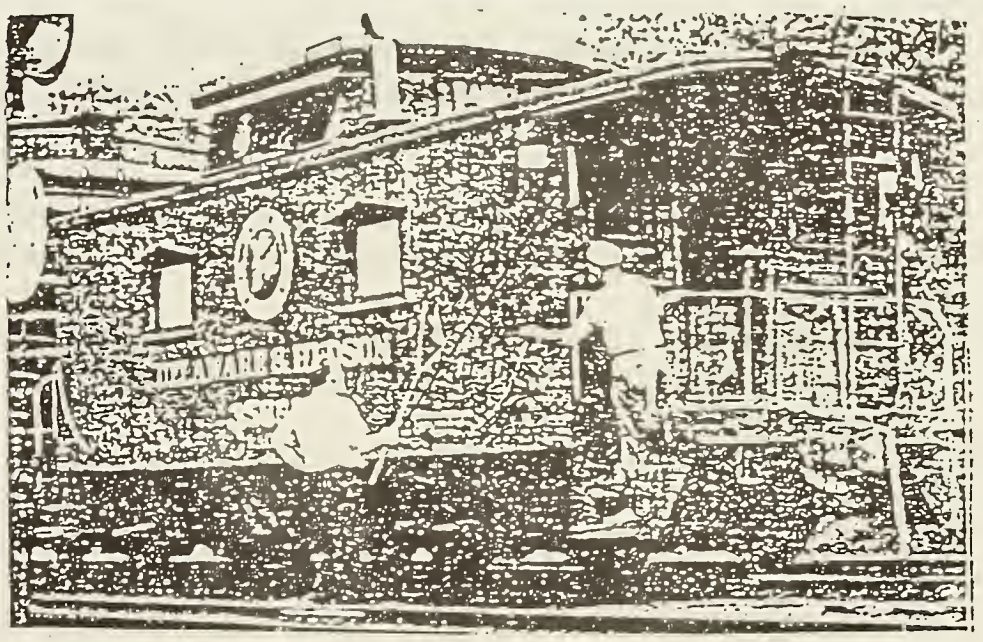
These particular trainmen have combined a total of of 166 years of service on the railroad. They leave Wilkes-Barre at 6:30 a.m. daily, and arrive in Oneonta at 2 p.m. with only one stop at Carbondale, Pennsylvania. With the coming of diesel power, they said, the stop at Carbondale will no longer be necessary, and it will be a non-stop run.

The conductor of this fast freight train, William (Bill) Thacher of Wilkes-Barre, has been with the railroad for 49 years. On his crew are Raymond B. Flynn, with the road 38 years, Terrence Fay, with the road 38 years, and the youngest of the crew, George P. Anderson, who has only been a railroader for 37 years.

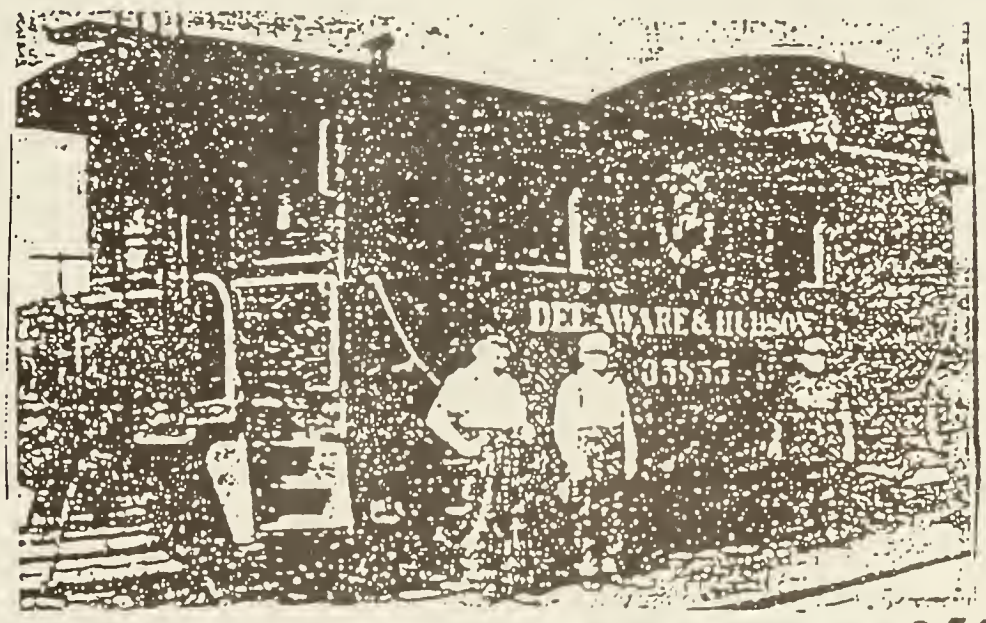
"The caboose is where we have to spend most of our working hours," says Conductor Bill Thacher, "and we might as well have it clean and comfortable. That means "we" have to keep it that way. The first job is paint. While the exterior of the caboose the conventional dusty red, its protective devices such as step railings, are kept a glossy yellow. Inside, the caboose is a deep and glossy green with flame red window casings, mouldings and pipe. It is in the equipment that the caboose is unique. Window sills, for example, have been covered with tile. It's easier to keep clean. The table top, also tiled, so are the arms rests of the cupola, the top of the coal box, the refrigerator top, which also serves as the "kitchen" table, and the shelves of the dish cupboard. The doors and windows have all been equipped with weather-stripping, for the dual purpose of keeping out the draft, and the dust. The closets, oil room, etc., are all kept in rigid order. The daily routine shortly after arriving in Oneonta is a scrub-down-which means broom, mop, pail and scrub brush, not only on the leather seats and back rests, but the floors, walls and windows - every inch of the interior. Even the stove is kept clean and bright with stove polish."

"We claim", says Bill, "and few on the Susquehanna Division dispute our claim that our caboose is the cleanest on the railroad".

From Elwood J. Thacher's "Thomas Thacher-Boston Branch" Vol. 4, page 110.



WILLIAM PETER THACHER
(1885-1957)
Delegate Pennsylvania Division 168
Grand Division Order of Railway Conductors
Forty-fourth Session, Chicago, Ill., 1950



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THE NINE PARTNERS, continued from page 1:

About 1804 Obadiah Thacher (1757-1838) brother of Moses & Samuel, left Attleboro, Mass. for Harford, Pennsylvania settlement with his wife, Elizabeth Richardson (1763-1825) daughter of Col. Stephen Richardson & Hannah Fuller.

Their son, Rev. Moses Thacher (1795-1878) was a pioneer and founder of churches, and a member of the New England Anti-Slavery Society. He married Henrietta Wilmarth of Attleboro.

Another son, Stephen Richardson Thacher (1788-1823) was killed at Harford when a log rolled over him. He married Mercy Carpenter and they had two daughters.

Mercy (Carpenter) Thacher (1793-1866) was a daughter of Obadiah Carpenter and Mercy Tyler. Mercy (Tyler) Carpenter was a daughter of Deacon John Tyler and wife, Mercy Thacher of Ararat, PA. Mercy (Thacher) Tyler (1752-1835) was a daughter of Rev. Peter Thacher (1715-1785) and Bethiah (Carpenter) Thacher. In Attleboro, Deacon John Tyler Jr. (1746-1822) was a private in Capt. Moses Wilmarth's co., Col. John Daggett's First Bristol County, Mass. Regt. and in Caleb Richardson's co., Timothy Walker's Regt. during the American Revolution.

Meanwhile, younger brother John Thacher (1759-1841) came to Harford with his wife, Sally Richardson, daughter of Daniel & Sarah (Reed) Richardson of Attleboro, Mass. On his Revolutionary War pension record, his name was misspelled "Thatcher" which spelling was kept by some of his descendants. One great grandson who kept the old spelling was Prof. Wallace Lord Thacher, A.M., (1841-1916) of Harford, PA, who wrote a "Centennial History of Harford, Pennsylvania".

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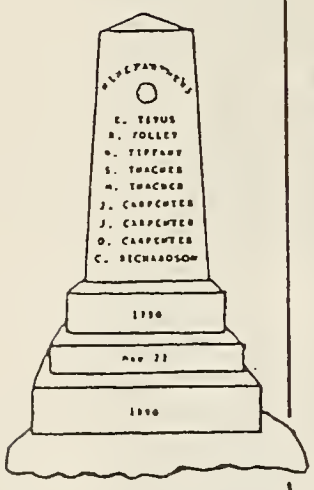

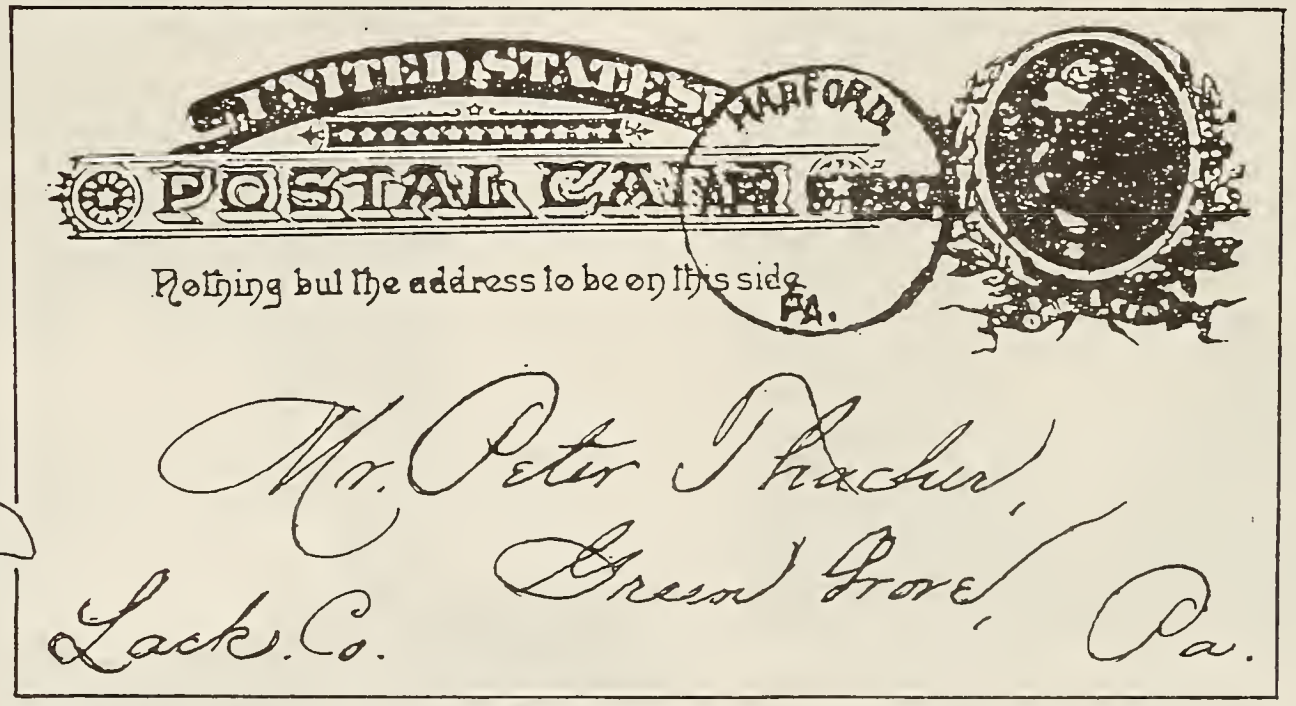

Postcard dated April 8, 1887 from Wallace Lord Thacher (1841-1916) of Harford, PA, to Peter Thacher (1808-1888) of Green Grove, PA.

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